

# **THIRD QUARTER 2012 ISSUES REPORT**

**WTOV aired the following programming during the 3rd Quarter of 2012.**

**WTOV airs the following local newscasts:**

**NEWS9 SUNRISE – M-F (5-7 am)**

**NEWS9 MIDDAY – M-F (12-12:30 pm)**

**NEWS9 LIVE @ FIVE – M-F (5-5:30 pm)**

**NEWS9 @ SIX – M-SU (6-6:30 pm)**

**NEWS9 TONIGHT – M-SU (11-11:35 pm)**

**NEWS9 SATURDAY – SAT (9-10 am)**

**WTOV airs the following network news programs**

**EARLY TODAY – M-F (4:30-5 am)**

**TODAY SHOW – M-F (7-9 am)**

**TODAY SHOW II – M-F (10 am – 12 pm)**

**SATURDAY TODAY – SA (7-9 am)**

**SUNDAY TODAY – SU (9-10 am)**

**NBC NIGHTLY NEWS – M-SU (6:30-7 pm)**

## **Meet The Press – Sundays – 10-11 am**

**WTOV airs “Meet the Press” every Sunday morning from 10-11 am. This weekly NBC News program, hosted by Washington Bureau Chief, David Gregory, focuses on the news of the week and looks ahead to the week to come. Guests include U.S. Politicians as well as foreign leaders.**

**(Preempted: 7/8/12, 7/22/12, 7/29/12, 8/5/12)**

## **Our Region’s Business – Sundays – 6:30-7:00 am**

**WTOV broadcasts a weekly regional business show hosted by Bill Flanagan. “Our Region’s Business” focuses on local and regional businesses, the economy and new business and development.**

**(Preempted: 8/5/12, 8/12/12)**

## **Bishop Installation – Monday 9/10/12 – 2-5 pm**

**The Installation of The Most Reverend Jeffrey Monforton of Detroit as he became the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Steubenville was broadcast on 9.2 (MeTV).**

**Bishop Monforton started his journey in 1994 when he was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. He was most recently Pastor of Saint Andrew Parish in Rochester. His appointment as the Fifth Bishop of Steubenville was announced on July 3, 2012 by the Diocese of Steubenville.**

### **Community Calendar – Third Quarter 2012**

**WTOV9 maintains a “Community Calendar” section on our webpage for upcoming non-profit events.**

### **Public Service Announcements**

**WTOV9 aired the following Public Service Announcements during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. of 2012:**

<b>GG JULY VALLEY</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG JULY BHJMPC</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG JULY APEX</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG JULY SIX RECYCLING</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>DEBBIE GREEN 5K 2012</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>LACE UP FOR KIDS 2012</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>UNITED WAY POKER RUN 2012</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>WVU CHILDRENS HOSP PSA 2012</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>UPM MEMORIAL PICNIC</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>Not A Good Sign</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG AUGUST VALLEY</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG AUGUST BHJMPC</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG AUGUST APEX</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG AUGUST SIX RECYCLING</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>KICKOFF PSA 2012 BIG RED</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>KICKOFF PSA 2012 BRIDGEPORT</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>KICKOFF PSA 2012 EDISON</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>KICKOFF PSA 2012 OAK GLEN</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>KICKOFF PSA 2012 STCLAIRSVILLE</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>UPM MONDAY MARCHES</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>UW WHEELING YWCA</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>UW MARSHALL COUNTY SA</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>UW HARMONY HOUSE</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>KICKOFF PSA 2012 ST JOHN</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>NAMI RV MON TOM</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>NAMI RV MON TODAY</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>NAMI RV TUES TOM</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>NAMI RV TUES TODAY</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>NAMI RV WED TOM</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>NAMI RV WED TODAY</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>NAMI RV THURS TOM</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>NAMI RV THURS TODAY</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>KICKOFF PSA 2012 WHG PARK</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>NAMI RV FRIDAY TOM</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>NAMI RV FRIDAY TODAY</b>	<b>0:15</b>

<b>ABIGAILS ANGELS PSA</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>UPM BLOCK PARTY</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG SEPT VALLEY</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG SEPT BHJMPC</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG SEPT APEX</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>GG SEPT SIX RECYCLING</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>WHG PARK BUS SAFETY PSA</b>	<b>0:30</b>
<b>UW CAMPAIGN 2012</b>	<b>0:30</b>

## **WTOV-TV**

### **STEUBENVILLE, OH / WHEELING, WV**

**WTOV-TV feels the following are the problems and needs facing the Ohio Valley area for the Third Quarter of 2012.**

**AMISH ATTACKS / TRIAL**

**EDUCATION**

**NATURAL GAS DRILLING**

**POLITICAL / DECISION 2012**

**RG STEEL BANKRUPTCY**

**ALLEGED TEEN SEXUAL ASSAULT**

## **AMISH ATTACKS / TRIAL – JULY 2012**

### **Amish Attacks – 7/30/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

16 PEOPLE CHARGED IN BEARD AND HAIR-CUTTING ATTACKS ON FELLOW AMISH HAVE REJECTED PLEA BARGAIN OFFERS AND ARE HEADED TO TRIAL.

PROSECUTORS SAY THE ATTACKS WERE HATE CRIMES. THE DEFENDANTS SAY THEY WERE INTERNAL CHURCH DISCIPLINARY MATTERS NOT INVOLVING ANTI-AMISH BIAS. THE PLEA BARGAINS DETAILED IN COURT WOULD HAVE GIVEN MANY OF THE DEFENDANTS SENTENCES OF TWO TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON INSTEAD OF THE POSSIBILITY OF 20 YEARS OR MORE. THIS CASE INCLUDES THE MEMBERS OF A BREAK-AWAY AMISH GROUP NEAR BERGHOLZ.

## **AMISH ATTACKS / TRIAL – AUGUST 2012**

### **Amish Attacks – 8/30/12 – 5 pm**

AN AMISH WOMAN IS CLAIMING THAT HER AND HER BROTHERS CUT THE HAIR OF THEIR PARENTS IN OHIO TO HELP THEM GET TO HEAVEN.

THE WOMAN TOLD JURORS HEARING THE HATE CRIMES TRIAL OF 16 MEMBERS OF A BREAKAWAY AMISH GROUP THAT HER SIBLINGS HAD BEEN WORRIED THAT THEIR PARENTS WERE DRIFTING AWAY FROM THEIR RELIGION. ANOTHER WOMAN CLAIMED SHE LEFT AN OHIO AMISH SETTLEMENT BECAUSE SAM MULLET SENIOR HAD BEEN FORCING HER TO HAVE SEX WITH HIM. MULLET IS ACCUSED OF ORGANIZING THE HAIR-CUTTING ATTACKS OVER RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES AMONG THE AMISH BUT IS NOT CHARGED WITH ANY SEX-RELATED CRIMES.

### **Amish Attacks – 8/29/12 – 5 & 11 pm**

AN AMISH PREACHER SAYS HE WATCHED THREE OTHER MEN CUT HIS FATHER'S HAIR AND BEARD DURING AN ATTACK LAST FALL THAT LEFT HIS FATHER SHAKING AND FAMILY MEMBERS SCREAMING.

PREACHER ANDY HERSHBERGER IS THE FIRST WITNESS IN THE TRIAL OF A GROUP OF AMISH PEOPLE FROM EASTERN OHIO ACCUSED OF HATE CRIMES IN HAIR-CUTTING ATTACKS ON FELLOW AMISH. HE TESTIFIED TODAY IN CLEVELAND THAT HIS FATHER, AN AMISH BISHOP, PLEADED FOR THE MEN NOT TO SHEAR HIM.

THE GROUP, INCLUDING THE ALLEGED RINGLEADER SAMUEL MULLET AND HIS SONS, ARE ACCUSED OF ORCHESTRATING HAIR AND BEARD CUTTING ATTACKS ON OTHER AMISH THAT PROSECUTORS BELIEVE WERE RETALIATION OVER CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

### **Amish on Trial – 8/28/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

THE DEFENSE HAS BEGUN PRESENTING ITS CASE IN THE FEDERAL TRIAL OF 16 AMISH MEN AND WOMEN ACCUSED OF HAIR-AND-BEARD CUTTING ATTACKS LAST FALL.

TODAY PROSECUTORS SAID THE DEFENDANTS SPENT \*MONTHS\* PLANNING THE RAIDS AGAINST FOLLOWERS OF THEIR FAITH IN OHIO. PROSECUTORS PRESENTED A PHOTO TO JURORS IN CLEVELAND. IT SHOWED ONE SUSPECT HOLDING AN AMISH

BISHOP ON THE NIGHT SOME DEFENDANTS BROKE INTO HIS HOUSE AND CUT HIS BEARD.

PROSECUTORS SAY THE ATTACKS WERE MOTIVATED SOLELY BY RELIGIOUS DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN AMISH BISHOPS AND A BREAKAWAY GROUP. THE DEFENDANTS DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AS INTERNAL CHURCH DISCIPLINARY MATTERS AND SAY THE GOVERNMENT SHOULDN'T GET INVOLVED.

AMONG THE DEFENDANTS ARE SAMUEL MULLET, THE ALLEGED RINGLEADER OF A GROUP NEAR BERGHOLZ, AND HIS SONS. SOME OF THE MEN FACE 20 YEARS IN JAIL IF THEY'RE CONVICTED.

### **Amish Trial Set to Begin – 8/27/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

#### **5 & 6 pm**

JURY SELECTION IS UNDERWAY IN CLEVELAND FOR SIXTEEN MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY AMISH COMMUNITY CHARGED WITH HATE CRIMES FOLLOWING HAIR-AND BEARD CUTTING ATTACKS ON FELLOW AMISH IN SEVERAL OHIO COUNTIES. PROSECUTORS SAY SOME OF THE SUSPECTS, INCLUDING THE BERGHOLZ GROUP LEADER SAM MULLET, CUT THE HAIR AND BEARDS OF AMISH MEN AND WOMEN LAST FALL. NEWS9'S BRIONA ARRADONDO IS FOLLOWING THIS CASE AND TALKED TO JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF. SHE'S LIVE IN STEUBENVILLE WITH THE DETAILS SURROUNDING THIS CASE.

THE FEDERAL COURT IN CLEVELAND STARTED THE JURY SELECTION PROCESS THIS MORNING. I TALKED TO SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA ABOUT WHAT THIS TRIAL MEANS FOR THE AMISH COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY.

TODAY, - SIXTEEN MEMBERS OF THE AMISH COMMUNITY ARE GOING ON TRIAL FOR BEARD AND HAIR CUTTING ATTACKS ON FELLOW AMISH LAST YEAR. JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA TELLS ME HOW THE AMISH MEN AND WOMEN HAVE REACTED SINCE HE AND FBI AGENTS ARRESTED THE BERGHOLZ GROUP LEADER SAM MULLET AND SEVERAL OF HIS SONS LAST FALL.

*SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA \ JEFFERSON COUNTY, OH*

*"I GET CALLS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, I GOT NUMEROUS LETTERS.....AMISH PEOPLE ARE HOPING AND PRAYING THAT THIS MAN GOES TO PRISON BECUASE THEY ARE TOTALING SCARED TO DEATH OF HIM."*

MULLET AND 15 OTHER AMISH MEN AND WOMEN ARE CHARGED WITH HATE CRIMES AFTER ALLEGEDLY USING HORSE SHEARS TO FORCIBLY CUT FELLOW MEMBERS' HAIR.

*"THAT'S ONE REASON HE'S FACING TRIAL FOR THESE HATE CRIMES. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH RELIGION, THAT'S NOT RELIGION. YOU CAN'T CATEGORIZE ALL AMISH THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY WITH SAM MULLET."*

PROSECUTORS PLAN TO PRESENT EVIDENCE THAT MULLET USED SEXUAL COUNSELING OF AMISH WOMEN

*"THE ALLEGATIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE PRESENTED TO THE JURY IN CLEVELAND ARE THE FACT THAT THE ALLEGATIONS OF HIM SLEEPING WITH WOMEN OUT THERE. LIKE I SAY, THEY ARE ALL RELATIVES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE FAMILY."*

THE SUSPECTS HAVE TURNED DOWN PLEA BARGAINS WHICH WOULD HAVE CARRIED SHORTER SENTENCES. SOME OF THEM, INCLUDING MULLET, COULD FACE UP TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON.

*"WHETHER HE COMES BACK OR NOT, I DONT KNOW, BUT I KNOW IF HE EVER DOES COME OUT, THE AMISH COMMUNITY IS GOING TO BE SCARED TO DEATH."*

JURY SELECTION IS EXPECTED TO LAST TWO DAYS. STAY WITH NEWS9 FOR THE LATEST ON THIS CASE.

### **11 pm**

*"Sam Mullet, this is a big deal and it's time that justice is served so Sam Mullet cannot be a hindrance to our community and that we can feel safe and secure and we don't have to worry about a surprise attack from Mr. Mullet like we've been doing."*

A JURY HAS BEEN SEATED IN THE TRIAL OF 16 MEMBERS OF A JEFFERSON COUNTY AMISH COMMUNITY. THEY'RE CHARGED WITH HATE CRIMES IN HAIR-CUTTING ATTACKS ON FELLOW AMISH IN OHIO.

PROSECUTORS WILL BEGIN LAYING OUT THEIR CASE TOMORROW IN A CLEVELAND FEDERAL COURT. THE DEFENDANTS INCLUDE THE COMMUNITY'S LEADER AND FOUR OF HIS CHILDREN.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ASKED POTENTIAL JURORS TODAY WHETHER THEY VIEW THE AMISH DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE OF THEIR UNIQUE RELIGION. PROSECUTORS SAY SOME OF THE SUSPECTS FORCIBLY CUT THE BEARDS AND HAIR OF AMISH MEN AND THE HAIR OF WOMEN LAST FALL. JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA SAYS THE CASE STILL STRIKES FEAR IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

*SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA \ JEFFERSON COUNTY, OH*

*"I GET CALLS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, I GOT NUMEROUS LETTERS.....AMISH PEOPLE ARE HOPING AND PRAYING THAT THIS MAN GOES TO PRISON BECUASE THEY ARE TOTALING SCARED TO DEATH OF HIM."*

SOME OF THE DEFENDANTS FACE PRISON TERMS OF 20 YEARS OR MORE IF CONVICTED. THEY'VE TURNED DOWN PLEA BARGAINS THAT WOULD HAVE CARRIED MUCH SHORTER SENTENCES.

### **Amish on Trial – 8/26/12 – 6 & 11 pm**

NUMEROUS SUSPECTS CHARGED IN THE AMISH HAIR-CUTTING ATTACKS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COURT FOR THE FIRST DAY OF TRIAL TOMORROW IN CLEVELAND.

16 AMISH DEFENDANTS WILL FACE TRIAL. LAST WEEK, FEDERAL PROSECUTORS DETAILED FOR JURORS THE SO CALLED "SEXUAL COUNSELING" OF AMISH WIVES BY SAMUEL MULLET SR, THE MAN CHARGED WITH MASTERMINDING BEARD AND HAIR-CUTTING ATTACKS ON FELLOW AMISH IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. PROSECUTORS SAY THE ALLEGED SEXUAL "COUNSELING" SHOWS THE CONTROL MULLETT HAD OVER FOLLOWERS. WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED ON ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE.

### **Sexual Counseling Testimony – 8/20/12 – 11 pm**

A FEDERAL JUDGE WILL ALLOW TESTIMONY ABOUT SO-CALLED "SEXUAL COUNSELING" BY A LOCAL AMISH BISHOP ACCUSED IN THOSE NOW-INFAMOUS HAIR AND BEARDCUTTING ATTACKS IN EASTERN OHIO.

THE RULING MEANS PROSECUTORS CAN TELL JURORS ABOUT SAMUEL MULLET'S ALLEGED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES WITH MARRIED WOMEN. THE FEDS SAY THE TESTIMONY SHOWS THE CONTROL MULLETT HAD OVER FOLLOWERS AT THEIR FARM NEAR

BERGHOLZ IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. MULLETT'S ATTORNEY CALLS THE TESTIMONY "HIGHLY PREJUDICIAL."  
SIXTEEN AMISH DEFENDANTS ARE CHARGED IN HAIR-AND-BEARD-CUTTING ATTACKS AND FACE TRIAL NEXT WEEK.

### **Sexual Counseling – 8/17/12 – 6 & 11 pm**

FEDERAL PROSECUTORS WANT TO DETAIL FOR JURORS SO CALLED "SEXUAL COUNSELING" OF AMISH WIVES BY THE MAN CHARGED WITH MASTERMINDING BEARD AND HAIR-CUTTING ATTACKS ON FELLOW AMISH IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THEY OUTLINED THE STRATEGY TODAY IN A LEGAL BRIEF FILED IN THE CASE OF 16 AMISH DEFENDANTS FASHING TRIAL AUGUST 27TH IN CLEVELAND.

THE GOVERNMENT SAYS THE ALLEGED SEXUAL "COUNSELING" OF WIVES BY SAMUEL MULLETT SR. SHOWS THE CONTROL HE HAD OVER FOLLOWERS AT THEIR FARM COMPLEX NEAR BERGHOLZ. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ARGUED IN EARLIER BRIEFS THAT THERE IS NO PROOF OF SUCH SEXUAL CONDUCT AND SAYS MENTIONING IT AT TRIAL WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL.

### **Upcoming Amish Trial – 8/14/12 – 5 pm**

SEVERAL OF THE 16 PEOPLE CHARGED IN BEARD AND HAIR-CUTTING ATTACKS ON FELLOW AMISH IN OHIO WANT ANY REFERENCES TO A CULT OR RENEGADE GROUP BANNED FROM THEIR UPCOMING TRIAL.

THE DEFENDANTS ASKED A FEDERAL JUDGE IN CLEVELAND YESTERDAY TO PROHIBIT SUCH REFERENCES AS PREJUDICIAL. THE PROSECUTION WILL GET A CHANCE TO RESPOND BEFORE THE JUDGE RULES.

THE DEFENDANTS ARE CHARGED WITH FORCIBLY CUTTING THE BEARDS AND HAIR OF MEN AND THE HAIR OF WOMEN, ACTS CONSIDERED DEEPLY OFFENSIVE IN AMISH CULTURE. THEY HAVE PLEADED NOT GUILTY AND REJECTED PLEA BARGAINS THAT OFFERED LENIENCY.

## **AMISH ATTACKS / TRIAL – SEPTEMBER 2012**

### **Amish Concerned for Children – 9/27/12 – 5 & 11 pm**

ONE OF THE AMISH PEOPLE CONVICTED FOR HAIR AND BEARD CUTTING ATTACKS SAYS THAT IMPRISONMENT WILL MEAN THEIR 11 KIDS WON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR THE WINTER.

THIS COMES AS 7 OF THE 16 DEFENDENTS ARE STILL LOCKED UP AWAITING SENTENCING. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS SAY THEIR CLIENTS HAVEN'T BEEN IN TROUBLE BEFORE AND AREN'T A FLIGHT RISK. AN ATTORNEY FOR ONE OF THE WOMEN CONVICTED IN THE CASE SAY SHE SHOULD BE FREE UNTIL SENTENCING BECAUSE SHE POSES NO DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY AND SHE'S BUSY HARVESTING AND STORING FOOD FOR HER KIDS.

### **Verdict Reaction – 9/21/12 – 6 & 11 pm**

OUR TOP STORY COMES OUT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY WHERE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND RESIDENTS ARE REACTING TO THE GUILTY VERDICT AGAINST MEMBERS OF AN AMISH BREAK-AWAY GROUP IN BERGHOLZ. A JURY FOUND SAMUEL MULLETT, SR. AND 15 OF HIS FOLLOWERS GUILTY OF HATE CRIMES BY CARRYING OUT BEARD AND HAIR-CUTTING ATTACKS AGAINST FELLOW AMISH IN A DISPUTE OVER RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES. NEWS NINE'S KELLY CAMAROTE WENT TO BERGHOLZ TO GET REACTION FROM THE PUBLIC.



EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MULLET PROPERTY DIDN'T WANT TO TALK THOSE IN BERGHOLZ DID. RESIDENTS AND JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA BOTH HOPE ISSUES WITH THIS BREAKAWAY AMISH GROUP ARE NOW OVER.

YOU MUST DRIVE TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF BERGHOLZ TO FIND THE AMISH COMMUNITY LED BY SAMUAL MULLET, SR. MY PHOTOGRAPHER AND I DROVE TO THE COUNTRY BULK-FOOD AND VARIETY STORE NEXT TO THE MULLET PROPERTY TO FIND OUT IF MEMBERS OF THIS CLAN WANTED TO SPEAK ABOUT THE GUILTY VERDICTS AGAINST MULLET AND 15 OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS BREAK-AWAY AMISH GROUP. ALTHOUGH THE SIGN ON THE STORE SAYS THEY ARE OPEN....I FIND NO ONE INSIDE. SOON AFTER, A GROUP OF CHILDREN ON THE PROPERTY ARE CALLED INSIDE AND THEN A WOMAN COMES TO THE SCREEN DOOR OF A NEARBY HOUSE AND TELLS ME TO QUOTE "JUST GO."

IN TOWN, LOCALS ARE MORE APT TO SPEAK....

NANCY STONE \ BERGHOLZ, OH

*"MY HUSBAND SAID LETS DRIVE DOWN....LET ME TAKE YOU OUT....I'LL SHOW YOU JUST WHERE THIS SETTLEMENT IS AND WHEN WE STARTED DOWN THE ROAD I SAID I THINK YOU NEED TO TURN AROUND AND TAKE ME HOME BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID. IT REALLY WAS JUST THE AMBIANCE OF THE PLACE MADE ME UNEASY."*

NANCY STONE IS PLEASED TO KNOW THE MAN LEADING THE COMMUNITY IS NOW FACING A FEDERAL PRISON SENTENCE FOR PLANNING THE HAIR-AND-BEARD-CUTTING ATTACKS.

SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA \ JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*"AS FAR AS THE VERDICT....I'M ELATED."*

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA SAYS HE WASN'T SHOCKED WHEN THE JURY TOOK 5 DAYS TO DELIBERATE. THEY REVIEWED 54 CHARGES ON 10 SEPARATE COUNTS AGAINST 16 PEOPLE.

SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA \ JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*"YOU CAN'T SIFT THROUGH ALL THAT INFORMATION IN SEVERAL HOURS AND THEY JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY GOT IT RIGHT AND THEY DID GET IT RIGHT."*

*THE AMISH PEOPLE IN THE BERGHOLZ COMMUNITY, BECAUSE OF THAT DECISION, THEY FREED THEM FROM THEIR BONDAGE IS WHAT HAPPENED. NOW IT'S UP TO THEM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. SAM MULLET IS NO LONGER THERE. YOU'RE FREE TO GO AND COME AS YOU WANT."*

A SENTENCING HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 24TH. ALL 16 DEFENDANTS ARE LOOKING AT 10 OR MORE YEARS BEHIND BARS.

### **Guilty Verdicts – 9/20/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

AFTER FIVE DAYS OF DELIBERATING A JURY HANDED DOWN THEIR DECISION IN THE AMISH HAIR AND BEARD-CUTTING ATTACKS. THE JURY FOUND 16 MEMBERS OF AN AMISH BREAKAWAY GROUP FROM BERGHOLZ GUILTY OF HATE CRIMES INCLUDING THE ACCUSED MASTER-MIND, SAMUAL MULLET, SR. NEWS NINE'S KELLY CAMAROTE IS LIVE IN STUDIO NINE WITH MORE.

EACH OF THE 16 DEFENDENTS FOUND GUILTY OF HATE-CRIMES FACES THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING SENTENCED TO 10 OR MORE YEARS BEHIND BARS. IT TOOK THE

JURY FIVE DAYS TO REACH THE GUILTY VERDICT IN A CASE THAT DATES BACK TO A YEAR AGO.

*"Were you following community orders?"*

*"Yes, I guess I was."*

NOW A FEDERAL JURY IN CLEVELAND HAS DECIDED THAT STATEMENT MADE BY ONE OF THE FIRST THREE AMISH MEN ARRESTED FOR THE BEARD AND HAIR CUTTING ATTACKS IS TRUE. 16-MEMBERS OF THE AMISH BREAK-AWAY GROUP IN BERGHOLZ ARE GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY FOR THE HATE CRIMES. THE JURY ALSO FOUND THEIR LEADER, SAMUEL MULLET. SR. GUILTY OF PLANNING THE ATTACKS, SOMETHING JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA ACCUSED MULLET OF DOING ON-CAMERA SINCE THE FIRST ARRESTS LAST YEAR.

SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA \ JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*"IF HE'S NOT ORDERING THIS HE'S CONDONING THIS CAUSE WE KNOW THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS MET WITH HIM. BEFORE THEY WENT OUT ON THEIR RAIDS THEY MET WITH HIM, THEY CONSULTED WITH HIM AND THAT IN ITSELF TELLS ME SOMETHING."*

THE FEDERAL INDICTMENT DEALT WITH FIVE CUTTING ATTACKS ON A TOTAL OF NINE VICTIMS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR. COUNT ONE IN THE INDICTMENT CHARGED ALL 16 DEFENDENTS WITH CONSPIRACY WHILE THE OTHER NINE COUNTS DEALT WITH MORE SPECIFIC INCIDENTS AND ACCUSATIONS AGAINST CERTAIN DEFENDENTS.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS CONCEDED THAT THE HAIR CUTTINGS TOOK PLACE BUT ARGUE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS OVERREACHING BY CALLING WHAT HAPPENED HATE CRIMES. THEY SAY THE CUTTINGS WERE MERELY PERSONAL FAMILY DISPUTES.

STEVEN DETTELBACH \ U.S. ATTORNEY

*"The evidence in the case showed that the defendants in this case invaded their homes....that they psychically attacked them, and they sheared them almost like animals leaving them bloodied, bruised and beaten. These were no mere haircuts."*

I SPOKE WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA ON THE PHONE THIS AFTERNOON AFTER HE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE GUILTY VERDICT. HE SAYS HE IS HAPPY TO SEE THAT JUSTICE WILL BE SERVED FOR THE AMISH COMMUNITY ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THESE CRIMES IN OHIO.

### **Amish Trial Deliberations – 9/19/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

TOMORROW WILL BEGIN DAY FIVE OF DELIBERATIONS IN THE AMISH HATE CRIME TRIAL. JURORS ENDED DAY FOUR WITH NO VERDICT.

THE JURY DID ASK THE JUDGE A QUESTION TODAY, ASKING IF A CONSPIRACY COULD INVOLVE JUST SOME OF THE DEFENDANTS TO WHICH THE JUDGE RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD \*NOT\* NECESSARILY NEED TO INVOLVE ALL 9 VICTIMS OR ALL 16 DEFENDANTS.

THE MEN ACCUSED ARE ALL FROM A BREAK AWAY AMISH SETTLEMENT NEAR BERGHOLZ. THEY'RE ACCUSED OF FIVE ATTACKS WHERE THE HAIR AND BEARDS OF OTHER AMISH WERE REMOVED.

THE GOVERNMENT CALLS THE ATTACKS HATE CRIMES BASED ON RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCE. THE DEFENSE SAID IT WAS AN INTERNAL CHURCH DISPUTE AND DOESN'T RISE TO A CRIMINAL LEVEL. ALL COULD FACE LENGTHY PRISON TERMS IF CONVICTED.

### **Amish Trial Deliberations – 9/18/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

DAY THREE OF DELIBERATIONS AND STILL NO VERDICT IN THE TRIAL OF 16 AMISH MEN AND WOMEN ACCUSED IN HAIR AND BEARD-CUTTING ATTACKS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE BREAKAWAY AMISH GROUP ARE ACCUSED OF HATE CRIMES IN WHAT FEDERAL PROSECUTORS SAY WERE ATTACKS MOTIVATED BY RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ACKNOWLEDGE THE ATTACKS TOOK PLACE, BUT SAY PROSECUTORS ARE OVERREACTING BY CALLING THEM HATE CRIMES.

### **Jury Deliberations – 9/13/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

JURORS IN THE FEDERAL HATE CRIME TRIAL OF SAMUEL MULLET AND 15 OF HIS FOLLOWERS WILL RESUME DELIBERATIONS TOMORROW MORNING AT 9:00 AM.

THE JURY OF SEVEN MEN AND FIVE WOMEN BEGAN THIS MORNING AND BROKE FOR THE NIGHT AT ABOUT 5:30 PM AFTER EIGHT HOURS.

ACCORDING TO THE CLEVELAND PLAIN-DEALER, JURORS TOOK A 10 MINUTE BREAK TO ASK THE JUDGE FOR A LEGAL DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "DISFIGUREMENT" AND "MENTAL FACULTY." THE JUDGE'S INSTRUCTIONS BACK TO THE JURORS: USE COMMON SENSE AND EVERYDAY LIFE EXPERIENCES WHEN DECIDING WHETHER THE VICTIMS WERE INJURED AND DISFIGURED.

BECAUSE OF THE RELIGIOUS CONNOTATION OF BEARDS IN AMISH SOCIETY, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PROSECUTING THE CASE AS A HATE CRIME. THE DEFENSE HAS ARGUED IT IS A MATTER OF INTERNAL CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

### **Jury Deliberations Begin Tomorrow - 9/12/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

THE JURY BEGINS DELIBERATING TOMORROW IN THE CASE OF AMISH HAIR AND BEARD-CUTTING ATTACKS.

FEDERAL PROSECUTORS SAID TODAY ALL OF THE ATTACKS LAST FALL WERE CONNECTED TO BISHOP SAMUEL MULLET. SIXTEEN MEMBERS OF MULLET'S GROUP, BASED NEAR BERGHOLZ, ARE ACCUSED OF PLANNING OR TAKING PART IN THE FIVE ATTACKS. THE GOVERNMENT SAYS THEY WERE HATE CRIMES BECAUSE THEY WERE MOTIVATED BY RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES.

WHILE CAMERAS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE COURTROOM, WE'RE GETTING A FIRST LOOK SOME OF THE STATEMENTS MADE DURING CLOSING ARGUMENTS. PROSECUTORS SAID MULLET THINKS HE IS ABOVE THE LAW AND THAT QUOTE *"NONE OF THE TERROR THAT WAS UNLEASHED ON THE VICTIMS LAST FALL WOULD HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT SAM MULLET."*

THE DEFENSE DID NOT CALL ANY WITNESSES BUT DEFENSE ATTORNEY NEAL ATWAY TOLD JURORS QUOTE *"USE COMMON SENSE. WHAT HAPPENED WAS OFFENSIVE, BUT WHAT CRIME WAS COMMITTED?"*

HE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING LESTER MILLER, WHO IS ACCUSED OF CUTTING HIS FATHER'S HAIR SAID THESE WERE QUOTE *"ACTS OF LOVE" AND THAT THEY QUOTE "DID THESE THINGS BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT (THE VICTIMS) DEVIATED FROM THE AMISH PATH."*

AND ATTORNEY BRIAN PIERCE ARGUED QUOTE *"EMOTIONAL HARM IS NOT BODILY INJURY. THE BEARDS GREW BACK."*

THE DEFENDANTS FACE LONG SENTENCES IF CONVICTED. WE'VE BEEN ON TOP OF

THIS STORY SINCE THE FIRST ARRESTS LAST YEAR. WHEN THE JURY REACHES A VERDICT, COUNT ON NEWS9 TO BRING YOU CONTINUING COVERAGE.

### **Closing Statements to Begin – 9/11/12 – 11 pm**

CLOSING STATEMENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TOMORROW MORNING IN THE HATE CRIMES TRIAL OF MEMBERS OF A BERGHOLZ BREAKAWAY AMISH COMMUNITY.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR THE 16 MEMBERS CHARGED IN HAIR-CUTTING ATTACKS IN OHIO HAVE RESTED THEIR CASE WITHOUT CALLING ANY WITNESSES. THE TRIAL IN CLEVELAND STARTED TWO WEEKS AGO.

PROSECUTORS SAY A RELIGIOUS FEUD LED TO THE HAIR AND BEARD-CUTTING ATTACKS ON FELLOW AMISH LAST FALL. ALL 16 DEFENDANTS FACE LENGTHY PRISON TERMS IF THEY'RE CONVICTED.

### **Local Sheriff Testimony – 9/7/12 – 5 pm**

ONE LOCAL SHERIFF IS STILL WAITING TO TESTIFY AT THE TRIAL OF 16 JEFFERSON COUNTY AMISH MEN ACCUSED OF FORCEFULLY CUTTING THE HAIR AND BEARDS OF OTHER AMISH.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA SAYS THAT HE WAS SUBPOENAED BY THE DEFENSE TODAY AND EXPECTS TO TESTIFY IN CLEVELAND SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. THE SHERIFF SAYS HE IS WAITING FOR GOVERNMENT PROSECUTORS TO TELL HIM THE SPECIFIC DAY. THE SHERIFF HAD ALREADY BEEN SUBPOENAED BY THE PROSECUTION.

### **Bishop Testimony – 9/6/12 – 5 pm**

A BISHOP TESTIFYING AGAINST 16 FELLOW AMISH IN OHIO SAID HIS CHEST-LENGTH BEARD WAS CHOPPED TO WITHIN 1 1/2 INCHES OF HIS CHIN DURING A LATE-NIGHT HOME INVASION.

46 YEAR-OLD MYRON MILLER OF CARROLLTON TOLD A FEDERAL JURY IN CLEVELAND TODAY THAT HE FELT HUMILIATED BY THE ATTACK. THE DEFENDANTS SAY THE BEARD-CUTTINGS REFLECTED CHURCH DISCIPLINE AMID A FEUD OVER CHURCH PRACTICES.

### **Amish Trial Continues – 9/5/12 – 6 & 11 pm**

THE TRIAL FOR 16 DEFENDANTS ACCUSED IN THE HAIR AND BEARD-CUTTING ATTACKS IN OHIO LAST OCTOBER CONTINUES IN FEDERAL COURT IN CLEVELAND. JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA IS EXPECTED TO TESTIFY DURING THE TRIAL. ABDALLA'S TESTIMONY COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN AS EARLY AS TODAY BUT HIS APPEARANCE WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF HOW THE TRIAL IS PROGRESSING. TODAY, NEWS9 SPOKE WITH ABDALLA TO FIND OUT WHAT HE EXPECTS TO TESTIFY TO WHEN HE TAKES THE STAND.

IT'S ALMOST BEEN A YEAR SINCE THE FIRST ARRESTS OF SEVERAL MEN ACCUSED OF CUTTING THE HAIR AND BEARDS OF AMISH MEN AND WOMEN AND JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA HAS BEEN LEADING THE INVESTIGATION EVER SINCE.

*SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA \ JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

*“AMISH PEOPLE HAVE CALLED HERE FROM KENTUCKY, FROM INDIANA, FROM PENNSYLVANIA, FROM NEW YORK..... YOU NAME IT THEY'VE CALLED HERE. THEY'RE SCARED TO DEATH.”*

THE FEDERAL TRIAL OF 16 DEFENDENTS, INCLUDING THE ACCUSED MASTERMIND BEHIND THE ATTACKS SAMUEL MULLET, CONTINUES IN CLEVELAND, ALL SAID TO BE APART OF A BREAKAWAY AMISH COMMUNITY IN ABDALLA'S COUNTY.

SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA \ JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
*"I'VE BEEN DEALING WITH THEM FOR OVER FIVE YEARS.*

*I THOUGHT IF HE WOULD TELL THEM DRINK THIS KOOLAIID WITH POISON IN IT YOU WILL ALL BE WITH JESUS IN THE MORNING THEY WOULD HAVE DONE IT. THEY DO NOTHING OUT THERE....THEY DON'T MOVE WITHOUT HIS OKAY."*

FEDERAL PROSECUTORS SCHEDULED ABDALLA TO TESTIFY AS SOON AS TODAY BUT HIS TESTIMONY HAS NOW BEEN PUT ON HOLD.

SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA \ JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
*"I THINK WHAT I WOULD BE TESTIFYING TO WOULD BE THE FACT THAT WHEN I WENT OUT THERE AND TOLD THE ONE INDIVIDUAL DON'T CUT YOUR FATHER'S HAIR AND DON'T LET SAM MULLET'S PEOPLE COME UP HERE AND CUT YOUR FATHER'S HAIR OR HIS BEARD AND THEN TWO HOURS LATER WHEN I SAW THE MAN HIS HEAD WAS COMPLETELY SHAVED BALD."*

SHERIFF ABDALLA SAYS HE COULD BE ON THE WITNESS STAND IN CLEVELAND AS SOON AS FRIDAY OR EVEN NEXT WEEK. IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW THE TRIAL PROGRESSES.

### **Trial in Recess – 9/3/12 – 11 pm**

THE FEDERAL HATE CRIME TRIAL FOR 16 MEMBERS OF A BREAKAWAY AMISH GROUP IS ON RECESS UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

LAST WEEK A WOMAN TOLD JURORS SHE LEFT THE OHIO SETTLEMENT BECAUSE THE MAN ACCUSED OF ORCHESTRATING HAIR AND BEARD CUTTING ATTACKS LAST FALL WAS FORCING HER TO HAVE SEX WITH HIM. SAMUEL MULLET, SR.'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW TESTIFIED SHE WAS FORCED TO HAVE SEX WITH HIM. SHE ALSO SAID MULLET CALLED IT MARITAL COUNSELING.

THE DAUGHTER IN LAW TESTIFIED SHE WASN'T THE ONLY WOMAN IN BERGHOLZ THAT WAS \*COUNSELED\*, SAYING MULLET TOLD HER OTHER LADIES OBEY HIM.

## **EDUCATION – JULY 2012**

### **College Study – 7/30/12 – 5 pm**

FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES ARE A WASTE OF TAXPAYERS MONEY ACCORDING TO A SENATE REPORT. JACQUELINE FELL IN OUR WASHINGTON NEWSROOM DUG INTO THE NEWLY RELEASED STUDY THAT SAYS SHAREHOLDERS ARE GETTING RICH WHILE STUDENTS ARE BEING HARMED.

SEN. TOM HARKIN \ (D) IOWA

JENNIFER MCCANN \ GRADUATE

A 2-YEAR INVESTIGATION COMES DOWN HARD ON THE FOR-PROFIT EDUCATION INDUSTRY. THE REPORT FINDS BILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE SPENT ON MARKETING AND RECRUITING AND NOT ON EDUCATING. IT STATES TOO MANY STUDENTS RECEIVING PELL GRANTS AND FEDERAL AID AREN'T GRADUATING YET ARE

BECOMING CRIPPLED BY DEBT.SENATOR TOM HARKIN OF IOWA CALLED FOR THE INVESTIGATION.

*SEN. TOM HARKIN \ (D) IOWA*

*"EXORBITANT TUITION, AGGRESSIVE RECRUITING PRACTICES, ABYSMAL STUDENT OUTCOMES... TAXPAYER DOLLARS SPENT ON MARKETING AND PROFIT AND REGULATORY EVASION AND MANIPULATION."*

JENNIFER MCCANN OF FLORIDA DID GRADUATE FROM A FOR-PROFIT UNIVERSITY. SHE NOW HAS HER BACHELORS DEGREE BUT SHE'S ALSO MORE THAN \$40,000 IN DEBT.

*JENNIFER MCCANN \ GRADUATE*

*"THE PRICING IS A LITTLE OUTRAGEOUS BUT YOU'RE PAYING FOR CONVENIENCE."*

MCCANN, NOW A MOTHER, WORKED A FULL TIME JOB WHILE GOING THROUGH SCHOOL ONLINE. SHE SAYS TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS WEREN'T AN OPTION. THROUGHOUT HER 4 YEARS, SHE WATCHED OTHERS DROP OUT AS THE COST CONTINUED TO RISE.

THE INDUSTRY'S TRADE GROUP EMAILED US A STATEMENT REFUTING THIS SENATE REPORT CALLING IT MISLEADING AND SAYING IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A POLITICAL ATTACK. REFORM ISN'T LIKELY TO COME ANY TIME SOON BUT HARKIN SAYS THE REPORT ALREADY HAS SOME COLLEGES MAKING CHANGES.

### **Local Classroom Cuts – 7/26/12 – 5 pm**

THIS WILL STEAL SOME OF THE JOY OUT OF SUMMER BREAK. OUR WASHINGTON D.C. NEWROOM REPORTS THERE ARE LOOMING CUTS IN LOCAL CLASSROOMS. AS NEWS9'S SCOTT MACFARLANE TELLS US, A BUDGET STALEMATE IN CONGRESS IS POISED TO DROP A HAMMER ON OHIO VALLEY SCHOOLS.

COME JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> OHIO STANDS TO LOSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR EDUCATION BECAUSE OF A CRIPPLING GRIDLOCK THAT SHOWS NO SIGN OF LIFTING.

THERE ARE STILL A FEW WEEKS UNTIL SCHOOL OPENS AGAIN WHICH MEANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MARCIA BOYD HAD A CHANCE TO CANVASS WASHINGTON D.C. THIS WEEK TELLING CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS HER SCHOOL WOULD BE FORCED TO CUT TEACHING ASSISTANTS COME JANUARY 1ST IF NO NEW FEDERAL BUDGET DEAL IS CUT.

*MARCIA BOYD \ ELEMENTRY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL*

*"IT WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS SO WE WERE VERY CONCERNED WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING THESE FUNDS."*

YOU MIGHT RECALL LAST YEAR HIGH STAKES NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN IN THE CAPITOL. CONGRESS WAS UNABLE TO AVERT SOMETHING CALLED THE "SEQUESTER", A BUDGET WRINKLE THAT'LL FORCE TENS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF CUTS TO THE MILITARY AND TO HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS JANUARY 1ST.

A NEW REPORT, REVIEWED TODAY BY NEWS NINE, SHOWS OHIO SCHOOLS WOULD LOSE 43 MILLION DOLLARS AND 600 EDUCATION JOBS IN 2013 ALONE.

*ARNE DUNCAN \ U.S. EDUCATION SECRETARY*

*"These are already extraordinary budget times so to see schools take that budget hit would be a huge step in the wrong direction."*

NOT EVERYONE OPPOSES THESE CUTS.

AUTHOR AND EDUCATION SCHOLAR NEAL MCCLUSKEY TOLD A U.S. SENATE PANEL THIS WEEK THAT REDUCTIONS IN AMERICA'S SCHOOL STAFFING ARE "NECESSARY" AND OVERDUE.

*NEAL McCLUSKEY \ AUTHOR, FEDS IN THE CLASSROOM*

*"We've had massive increases in staffing in the last 10, 20, 40 years that have had no positive impact on outcomes."*

### **School Health Center – 7/24/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

A NEW SCHOOL IN WEIRTON IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND IT WILL COME WITH MORE THAN JUST A NURSES' OFFICE, A HEALTH CENTER WILL ACTUALLY BE INSIDE THE SCHOOL. NEWS NINE'S ALEX KOSCEVIC SPOKE WITH HANCOCK COUNTY'S SUPERINTENDENT ON WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE AREA.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING ANY SCHOOL IN THE NORTHERN PANHANDLE HAS, A HEALTH CENTER INSIDE THEIR SCHOOL AND I TALKED WITH HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL OFFICIALS TODAY WHO SAY IT WILL BENEFIT MORE THAN 900 STUDENTS.

THIS MIGHT NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH NOW BUT IN TWO YEARS HANCOCK COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SUE SMITH SAYS THIS CONSTRUCTION SITE WILL BE HOME TO THE NEW WEIRTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IT WILL BE A CONSOLIDATION OF LIBERTY, BROADVIEW AND WEIRTHON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND IT WILL ALSO BE HOME TO A HEALTH CENTER.

SMITH SAYS THE CENTER WILL PROVIDE HEALTH CARE TO STUDENTS WITH OR WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE AS LONG AS THEY HAVE PARENTAL CONSENT. SHE SAYS IT WON'T REPLACE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS BUT THE CARE WILL BE MORE EXTENSIVE THAN JUST A NURSE'S OFFICE AND IT'S NOT JUST FOR TREATING ILLNESSES BUT ALSO PREVENTING HEALTH PROBLEMS.

*"This would help our students not just for treating, but also teaching good health habits. For instance, one of the things in West Virginia that is a big problem is obesity, so this health care center could provide training and teach good nutritional habits, proper ways to brush your teeth, and good hygiene."*

THE SCHOOL, ALONG WITH THE HEALTH CENTER, IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN 2014.

SMITH SAYS THERE ARE CURRENTLY 68 SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS IN WEST VIRGINIA AND THAT HANCOCK COUNTY IS AHEAD OF THE GAME SINCE EVENTUALLY ALL NEW SCHOOLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A HEALTH CARE CENTER.

### **West Virginia Immunizations – 7/18/12 – 5 pm**

EVEN THOUGH WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER, HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AROUND THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA ARE PUSHING PARENTS TO GET KIDS VACCINATED NOW WITH TWO PARTICULAR VACCINES BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. NEWS9'S PHILIP STAHL EXPLAINS WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT.

WITH ABOUT A MONTH OF SUMMER LEFT BEFORE MORE MANY START SCHOOL, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE PUTTING A MESSAGE OUT TO PARENTS.....WHEN THAT FIRST DAY COMES IF YOUR KIDS DONT HAVE THE NEW REQUIRED VACCINATIONS ORDERED BY THE STATE THEY WON'T BE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL.

SCHOOL'S STILL OUT FOR THE SUMMER BUT MANY STUDENTS WILL BE GOING BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. IN FACT, IN MARSHALL COUNTY, CAMERON ELEMENTARY AND



MIDDLE SCHOOLS START IN TWO WEEKS. THAT MEANS EVERY STUDENT MUST GET, IF THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY, TWO VACCINES.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAY IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE 7TH OR 12TH GRADE, EVERY STUDENT NEEDS A D-T-P SHOT, OR DIPHTHERIA, TETNUS AND PERTUSISS, AS WELL AS A MENINGOCOCCAL AND MENINGITIS VACCINE.

OHIO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR HOWARD GAMBLE SAYS THIS REQUIREMENT STARTS NOW AND WILL CONTINUE INTO THE FUTURE.

*HOWARD GAMBLE \ OHIO COUNTY HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR*

*"REQUIREMENTS FOR VACCINES TO ENTER SCHOOLS HAVE ALWAYS AND WILL ALWAYS BE IN PLACE, THOSE 10 DISEASES THAT ARE COVERED UNDER STATE RULES STILL APPLY, BUT WHAT THEYVE DONE IN WEST VIRGINIA IS ADDED TWO NEW REQUIREMENTS."*

BUT WHY REQUIRE THESE TWO TYPES OF VACCINES? GAMBLE SAYS IT'S DUE TO THE NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

*HOWARD GAMBLE \ OHIO COUNTY HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR*

*"STATES HAVE BEGUN TO ADOPT THEM BECAUSE OF THEIR CONCERN. 12TH GRADERS FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE 12TH GRADES ARE MORE THAN LIKELY GOING TO POST EDUCATION, COLLEGE, OR WHEREVER THEY GO AND A LOT OF THOSE COLLEGES ARE SEEING MENINGITIS/MENINGOCOCCAL."*

AND IF YOU DONT GET VACCINATED BY THE TIME SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION YOU WILL BE SENT HOME.

*HOWARD GAMBLE \ OHIO COUNTY HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR*

*"FOR THESE TWO, THERE IS NO PROVISIONAL ENROLLMENT, SO THE INDIVIDUAL WON'T BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL UNTIL THEY ARE VACCINATED."*

BOTH OHIO AND MARSHALL COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENTS HAVE THE VACCINE IF ANYONE NEEDS THEM ENTERING THESE TWO GRADES. THEY ALSO SAY, IF YOU GO TO YOUR CHILD'S PEDIATRICIAN AND YOU HAVE INSURANCE THE SHOTS WILL BE COVERED.

### **Safe Routes to School – 7/16/12 – 5 pm**

COME THIS FALL STUDENTS AT TWO OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL HAVE A SAFER WAY TO WALK TO SCHOOL. IT'S ALL THANKS TO A GRANT THE CITY OF WHEELING RECEIVED TO ENHANCE SAFETY FROM THE WHEELING HERITAGE TRAIL TO THE FRONT DOORS OF WHEELING MIDDLE AND RICHIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. NEWS9'S PHILIP STAHL HAS MORE NOW ON THIS STORY LIVE FROM WHEELING.

AFTER FOUR YEARS OF PLANNING, BIDDING, AND BUDGETING, THE CITY OF WHEELING IS FINALLY ABLE TO GET THIS PROJECT STARTED. THEY RAN INTO A LOT OF ROADBLOCKS FROM THE TIME THEY FIRST GOT THE \$96,000 TO CREATE THIS SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL BUT OFFICIALS SAY IN THE LONG RUN IT WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO EVERYONE.

COME THIS SCHOOL YEAR THE HUNDREDS OF KIDS WHO WALK TO EITHER WHEELING MIDDLE OR RICHIE ELEMENTARY IN SOUTH WHEELING WILL HAVE A SAFER PLACE TO WALK. ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, THE CITY GOT A \$96,000 GRANT TO IMPROVE



SIDEWALKS, INTERSECTIONS AND HANDICAP RAMPS IN THIS AREA, ALL PART OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT.

R. "SCAT" SCATTERDAY \ PROJECT MANAGER & ENGINEER

*"BASICALLY CONNECTING RICHIE AND WHEELING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ALSO THE BIKE TRAIL."*

PROJECT MANAGER AND ENGINEER SCAT SCATTERDAY SAYS AFTER THE CITY GOT THE MONEY THEY RAN INTO SEVERAL HURDLES. THEIR PROJECT CAME IN OVER BUDGETED AND THEY HAD TO GET CLEARANCE FROM SEVERAL AGENCIES TO MOVE AHEAD BUT NOW THAT'S ALL CLEARED UP AND HE SAYS WORK SHOULD BEGIN BY SEPTEMBER.

R. "SCAT" SCATTERDAY \ PROJECT MANAGER & ENGINEER

*"INSTEAD OF WALKING THROUGH THE ARBITRARY STREET AND TRAFFIC ON THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL, THEY CAN GO A BLOCK IN EITHER DIRECTION AND GET ON THE BIKE TRAIL AND THEN FIND THEMSELVES IN A SECURE ENVIRONMENT THAT THEY CAN FOLLOW AND THAT WILL TAKE THEM RIGHT TO THE SCHOOL."*

BUT, WHY A PROJECT LIKE THIS IN SOUTH WHEELING? SCATTERDAY SAYS IT MADE SENSE HAVING THE BIKE TRAIL NEAR TWO SCHOOLS.

R. "SCAT" SCATTERDAY \ PROJECT MANAGER & ENGINEER

*"WHEN WE ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE ON THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN, WE ARE GOING TO JUMP ON THAT."*

WITH BIDS EXPECTED TO BE ADVERTISED THIS WEEK HE SAYS IN THE LONG RUN, HE HOPES MORE KIDS WILL WALK TO SCHOOL AND CREATE NEW HEALTHY HABITS.

R. "SCAT" SCATTERDAY \ PROJECT MANAGER & ENGINEER

*"WE'RE DEALING WITH AN OBESITY ISSUE IN THIS COUNTRY NOWADAYS AND THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COMBAT THAT."*

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ONLY \$82,000 WILL GO TOWARDS THE INFRASTRUCTURE PART OF THE PROJECT. THE OTHER \$14,000 WILL GO TOWARDS SAFETY EDUCATION ON THE NEW PROJECT IN BOTH SCHOOLS.

### **Cameron Construction Delays – 7/6/12 – 5 & 11 pm**

IT IS A PROJECT THAT IS ALMOST A YEAR BEHIND SCHEDULE. THE NEW CAMERON HIGH SCHOOL WAS SUPPOSED TO OPEN LAST FALL BUT NOW SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY JANUARY 2013 SOUNDS MORE LIKELY. SO, WERE ASKING, WHY HAVE THERE BEEN DELAY AFTER DELAY AND WILL THE PROJECT COST TAX-PAYERS MORE MONEY? NEWS9'S PHILIP STAHL HAS THE ANSWERS FOR US,...HES LIVE IN OUR WHEELING NEWSROOM WITH MORE.

THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOLS TELLS ME THE KEYS TO THE BUILDING WON'T BE HANDED OVER UNTIL DECEMBER. THAT'S 14 MONTHS AFTER THE SCHOOL WAS SUPPOSED TO OPEN. SO WHY HAVE THERE BEEN FOUR DELAYS? TODAY, WERE FINDING OUT.

GROUNDBREAKING FOR CAMERON'S NEW SCHOOL WAS BACK IN SEPTEMBER OF 2009 AND NOW ALMOST THREE YEARS LATER, THE BUILDING STILL ISNT FINSHED. SO, WHY THE DELAY? MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOLS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WAYNE SIMS

SAYS, AT FIRST CREWS HAD ISSUES WITH THE STEEL DESIGN. THEN CAME A WET SPRING FORCING THE PROJECT TO BE DELAYED BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOF ON THE PLACE AND FROM THERE IT WAS PUSHED BACKED MONTH BY MONTH. BUT NOW, IT SEEMS THERE IS SOME LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.

WAYNE SIMMS \ MARSHALL CO. SCHOOLS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
*"THEY HAVE COMPLETED A LOT IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, A LOT OF WALLS HAVE BEEN FINISHED, A LOT OF PAINTING HAS BEEN COMPLETED."*

SIMS SAYS A FINAL DATE HAS BEEN SET OF DECEMBER 20TH. HE SAYS IN NO WAY IS HE PREDICTING ANYMORE DELAYS.

WAYNE SIMMS \ MARSHALL CO. SCHOOLS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
*"IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A CATASPROHE OF SOME TYPE TO PREVENT THEM."*

**NEWS9:** *THIS WAS ORGINIALLY A 32 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT, HAS THE COST NOW GONE UP A LITTLE BIT MORE?*

WAYNE SIMMS \ MARSHALL CO. SCHOOLS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
*IT HAS GONE UP A LITTLE BIT, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU WHY. ANYTIME YOU BUILD A BUILDING YOU HAVE A CHANGE ORDER OR SOMETHING MISSED IN THE DESIGN OR WE MAY WANT TO IMPROVE THE PROJECT A LITTLE BIT."*

AS FAR AS WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING IN CAMERON, SIMMS SAYS SO FAR HE AND OTHERS HAVENT GOTTEN TO MUCH HEAT ON THE DELAY.

WAYNE SIMMS \ MARSHALL CO. SCHOOLS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
*"THEY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A DIFFICULT PROJECT TO BUILD. THEY JUST KNOW THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES THEY WILL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING."*

AND SINCE CAMERON IS ON AN ADJUSTED SCHEDULE, THEY BEGIN SCHOOL AUGUST 1ST. SIMMS SAYS THAT THE KIDS SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE THEIR THINGS INTO THE NEW SCHOOL IN DECEMBER AND COME BACK ON JANUARY 3RD TO THE NEW BUILDING.

### **Teaching Jobs – 7/6/12 – 5 pm**

AMONG THE BLEAK NEWS IN TODAY'S JOBS REPORT IS NEW EVIDENCE THAT THE COUNTRY IS LOSING TEACHERS FAST.

THE UNITED STATES HAS LOST MORE THAN 100,000 TEACHING POSITIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR. LABOR SECRETARY HILDA SOLIS SAYS DIMINISHING JOBS IN EDUCATION IS A TERRIBLE PROBLEM. SHE SAYS STATES NEED HELP FROM WASHINGTON TO KEEP TEACHERS ON THE JOB.

HILDA SOLIS \ U.S. LABOR SECRETARY  
*"If we are going to be competitive we are going to have the best and talented workforce we absolutely have to have better trained, well trained teachers."*

LEGISLATION HAS STALLED IN CONGRESS THAT WOULD OFFER INCENTIVES FOR STATES TO HIRE NEW TEACHERS. THE CATCH IS HOW TO PAY IT.

### **Ohio County Schools Personnel – 7/2/12 – 5 & 11 pm**

A CHANGING OF THE GUARD IN THE OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS SYSTEM TODAY AS SEVERAL PERSONNEL WERE SWORN INTO NEW POSITIONS, INCLUDING MANY HIGH

RANKING OFFICIALS IN THE SYSTEM. NEWS9'S JOSH EACHUS WAS THERE TO WATCH THE TRANSITION UNFOLD, HE'S LIVE IN WHEELING WITH MORE.

I'VE BEEN TO MANY SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES, AT OTHER SCHOOLS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BUT TODAY I WAS STRUCK BY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON HAND AS THESE FAR-REACHING CHANGES TOOK PLACE.

THE OHIO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES WERE PACKED.... STANDING ROOM ONLY AS MEMBERS OF THE OHIO COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, COMMUNITY MEMEBERS, LOCAL LEADERS, EVEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WERE ON HAND TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION.

*"WE'RE EXCITED, WE'RE HAPPY THAT TODAY IS HERE AND WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD."*

DR. DIANNA VARGO SWORN IN AS THE COUNTY'S NEW SUPERINTENDENT, JUST TWO DAYS AFTER FORMER SUPRINTENDENT GEORGE KRELIS RETIRED AFTER 3 YEARS IN THE POSITION.

*DR. DIANNA VARGO \ SUPERINTENDENT, OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS*

*"I AM GENUINELY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE STUDENTS OF OHIO COUNTY AS SUPERINTENDENT. OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS A TRADITION OF HIGH ACHIEVEMENT."*

VARGO JOINS A HOST OF OTHERS TAKING ON NEW ROLES AND SOME TURN AROUND IN THE SCHOOL BOARD AS WELL. THE LONGEST TENURED BOARD MEMBER, JAMES JORDEN, BECOMING THE BOARD PRESIDENT TODAY.

*JAMES JORDEN \ OHIO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT*

*"IT'S AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE THE BOARD PRESIDENT BECAUSE I'M A PRODUCT OF OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, MY 30TH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION IS THIS YEAR- CLASS OF '82 AT WHEELING PARK."*

THE COMMON THEME HERE TODAY, NO NEW FACES....OHIO COUNTY PEOPLE TAKING ON GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE OHIO COUNTY SYSTEM.

*"WE DON'T RE-BUILD IN OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS, WE RE-LOAD."*

VARGO TELLS ME THE INTERNAL GROWTH IS ALL POSSIBLE THANKS TO A LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS WITHIN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. IT HELPS TEACHERS LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COUNTY AND PRPEARES THEM TO BECOME ADMINISTRATORS ONE DAY.

## **Education – August 2012**

### **Edison Local Issues – 8/31/12 – 5 pm**

THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF EDISON LOCAL SCHOOLS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IS TACKLING ISSUES FACING THE DISTRICT SINCE TAKING OVER THE POSITION. SUPERINTENDENT BILL BEATTIE SAYS HE WANTS THE DISTRICT TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UPCOMING LEVY IN NOVEMBER. NEWS9'S BRIONA ARRADONDO TALKED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT TODAY. SHE'S LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM WITH MORE ON HIS PLANS FOR THE DISTRICT.

BILL BEATTIE IS TAKING OVER THE HEAD POSITION AFTER FORMER SUPERINTENDENT DAVE QUATTROCHI MOVED TO CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOLS. HE SAYS HIS FIRST YEAR

IS ABOUT IMPROVING THE DISTRICT'S FUNDING SITUATION AND STAYING ON TOP OF ACADEMICS SO THERE ARE PLENTY OF CHALLENGES AHEAD.

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR EDISON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BILL BEATTIE JOINS THE RANKS AS THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT. DURING HIS TRANSITION, BEATTIE SAYS HE'S REACHING OUT TO UNDERSTAND PROBLEMS FACING EVERYONE.

*BILL BEATTIE \ EDISON LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT*

*"IT'S MY GOAL BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER TO RIDE EVERY BUS ROUTE IN THE DISTRICT. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT GIVES ME AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT OUR BUS DRIVERS DO ON A DAILY BASIS."*

BEATTIE KNOWS ABOUT FINANCIAL ISSUES IN THE DISTRICT, HE HAS WORKED WITH EDISON LOCAL FOR 23 YEARS. HE TOOK OVER AFTER FORMER SUPERINTENDENT DAVE QUATTROCHI MOVED TO CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOLS. WITH A LEVY COMING UP IN NOVEMBER BEATTIE SAYS IT NEEDS TO PASS TO KEEP THE DISTRICT RUNNING.

*"WE HAVE DONE OUR PART, I FEEL, AS A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CUT AS MUCH AS WE POSSIBLY COULD BUT WE'RE NOW GETTING TO THE POINT THAT WE'VE MADE ALL THE CUTS THAT WE POSSIBLY COULD HAVE MADE. NOW IT'S GETTING TO THE POINT THAT IT'S STARTING TO AFFECT THE PEOPLE BECAUSE OF PAY TO PARTICIPATE AND CONSUMABLE FEES."*

BUT BEATTIE SAYS LACK OF FUNDS AREN'T HOLDING THEM BACK.

*"I GIVE KUDOS TO OUR TEACHERS FOR NOT USING THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE MONEY AS AN EXCUSE NOT TO PUT A GOOD PRODUCT OUT THERE."*

BEATTIE SAYS HE WANTS TO SHATTER NEGATIVE PERCEPTION OF HIS DISTRICT. HE SAYS HE PLANS TO SHOW THEY CAN USE MONEY RESPONSIBLY. BEATTIE SAYS HE WANTS PARENTS TO COME TO HIM WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

### **School Bus Cameras – 8/31/12 – 5 pm**

DRIVING AROUND A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS IS NOT ONLY ILLEGAL IT'S PUTTING KIDS LIVES AT RISK. HIGH-TECH CAMERAS ARE HELPING KEEP STUDENTS ALIVE. THEY'RE IN TWO DISTRICTS IN OHIO AND MAY SOON BE COMMON ACROSS THE STATE. NEWS9'S D.C. REPORTER JACQUELINE FELL WAS IN MARYLAND WHERE THE CAMERAS ARE ALREADY ROLLING.

AT A CORNER IN FREDERICK COUNTY MARYLAND STUDENTS WAIT FOR THE BUS. ATTACHED TO THE SIDE OF THEIR BUS IS A NEW PASSENGER, A CAMERA TO CATCH DRIVERS WHO DON'T STOP WHEN THE BUS STOPS.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUS DRIVERS ACROSS THE NATION TOOK PART IN A NATIONAL SURVEY. THEY RECORDED HOW MANY DRIVERS IGNORED THE STOP ARM ON ONE DAY. 2,100 OHIO BUS DRIVERS SAID 769 VEHICLES PASSED RIGHT BY PAYING NO ATTENTION THAT A CHILD COULD BE JUST FEET AWAY.

IN MARYLAND, THE BUS CAMERA CAPTURES THE LICENSE PLATE. THE LOCAL SHERIFF THEN ISSUES A \$125 TICKET. OHIO IS JUST NOW IN ITS' EXPERIMENTAL STAGE WITH THE HIGH TECH GADGETS. EIGHT OHIO STUDENTS OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS HAVE DIED BECAUSE DRIVERS DIDN'T STOP.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN HOLLAND AND NORTON ALSO HAVE CAMERAS INSTALLED ON THE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL BUSES. IN ADDITION THEY'RE TESTING MORE LIGHTS ON THE BUMPERS OF BUSES TO MAKE DRIVERS STOP.

### **Race to the Top – 8/31/12 – 5 pm**

TWO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE ASKING FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REVEALED 893 SCHOOL DISTRICTS PLAN TO APPLY FOR A CHUNK OF \$400 MILLION. BUCKEYE LOCAL SCHOOL AND MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE THE ONLY ONES IN OUR AREA LISTED. THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS WILL COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR ANYWHERE FROM \$5-\$40 MILLION DOLLARS. IT'S PART OF THE "RACE TO THE TOP" PROGRAM.

APPLICANTS MUST USE THE FUNDS TO CLOSE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS, PERSONALIZE LEARNING AND PREPARE KIDS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS.

### **Wheeling Park Security – 5 & 6 pm**

A NEW SECURITY SYSTEM IS UP AND RUNNING AT ONE OF THE MOST POPULATED HIGH-SCHOOLS IN THE OHIO VALLEY. SCHOOL RESOURCE-OFFICERS AT WHEELING PARK HIGH SCHOOL WILL NOW KNOW WHAT DOORS ARE OPENING AND CLOSING AT ALL TIMES THANKS TO A SAFETY-GRANT. NEWS9'S PHILIP STAHL GOT A LOOK AT THE NEW SYSTEM TODAY. HE JOINS US LIVE IN WHEELING WITH MORE.

NOW, ANYTIME YOU OPEN A DOOR AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AN ALARM GOES OFF AT THE FRONT SECURITY DESK NOTIFYING OFFICERS WHAT DOORS ARE OPENED. IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS NEW THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND TODAY WE GOT A LOOK AT HOW THIS WORKS AND ASKED WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT.

THAT'S THE SOUND THAT ALERTS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AT WHEELING PARK HIGH SCHOOL THAT A DOOR THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES IS OPENED. IT'S A NEW SYSTEM THAT WAS INSTALLED OVER THE SUMMER THANKS TO A SAFETY GRANT BY MANY AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE OHIO COUNTY EMA.

*LOU VARGO \ OHIO COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR*

*"SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AT THE OCS SAFETY COMMITTEE, THIS WAS ONE OF THE PROJECTS WE IDENTIFIED AS A NEED FOR WPHS, BEING THE LARGEST HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY, IN THE SYSTEM AND THE MOST POPULATED."*

EMA DIRECTOR LOU VARGO EXPLAINED THAT THERE WASN'T AS MUCH WIRING THAT WENT INTO THE SYSTEM AS ONE MAY THINK FOR A SCHOOL THAT IS AS LONG AS THREE FOOTBALL FIELDS.

*LOU VARGO \ OHIO COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR*

*"ARE WIRELESSLY CONNECTED TO A SYSTEM THAT ANYTIME THE DOORS ARE OPEN, THE RESOURCE OFFICER GETS A VISUAL ALARM SO THAT THEY CAN INVESTIGATE IT."*

SO, HOW DOES IT WORK? THERE ARE MAGNETIC SENSORS AN ALL 79 DOORS SO IF SOMEONE TRIES TO LET ANOTHER IN WITHOUT PERMISSION OFFICERS WILL BE NOTIFIED. SO WE TRIED IT OUT. WHEN I OPENED DOOR NUMBER 18, THE FRONT DOOR, SURE ENOUGH THE ALARM CHIMED.

ALONG WITH ALL THE DOORS HAVING SENSORS ON THEM, THEY ARE ALSO NUMBERED FOR DOOR NUMBER 1 TO DOOR NUMBER 79. THE REASON FOR THAT IS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.

VARGO SAYS IF THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY THEY COULD POINT EMS, FIRE OR POLICE TO A SPECIFIC DOOR THAT WAY THEY DONT WASTE PRECIOUS TIME.

WITH THE PROJECT NOW COMPLETE, VARGO HOPES THIS SYSTEM WILL WORK WELL AND KEEP ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF SAFE.

SOON, HE HOPES TO GET MONEY TO ADD THE SYSTEM IN ALL SCHOOLS.

*LOU VARGO \ OHIO COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR*

*"JUST THE TREND NOW IS TO SECURE ALL THE SCHOOLS WITH ALL LOCKED DOORS AND THIS WILL BE A SYSTEM THAT WILL MONITOR THOSE."*

THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS ALSO TOLD ME THERE ARE OVER A DOZEN CAMERAS ON THE PERMIS AND MORE WILL BE ADDED SOON. THEY SAY ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOURS AND THERE IS SECURITY AT THE HIGH SCHOOL 24/7.

### **Healthier Lunches – 8/23/12 – 5 pm**

THE C-D-C SAYS ABOUT 12.5 MILLION CHILDREN ARE OBESE AND BECAUSE OF THAT SCHOOL MEALS WILL LOOK VERY DIFFERENT THIS SCHOOL YEAR. THE FOOD ON THEIR TRAY IS EXPECTED TO BE FRESHER AND HEALTHIER. RENE MARSH JOINS US FROM WASHINGTON TO TALK ABOUT THE CHANGES IN SCHOOL LUNCH GUIDELINES THAT WERE MADE IN AN EFFORT TO CURB CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

AT BARCROFT ELEMENTARY IN ARLINGTON VIRGINIA, THE CHICKEN NUGGETS ARE BAKED, THE BREAD IS WHEAT AND THE CHEESE IS LOW SODIUM. THE SCHOOL LUNCH MENU HERE AND IN SCHOOL CAFETERIAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN NUTRITIONALLY REVAMPED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS.

*AMY MACLOSKY \ FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE DIRECTOR, ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS*

*MORE FRUITS, MORE VEGETABLES, MORE WHOLE GRAINS.*

THOSE ARE THE STRICT NEW USDA GUIDELINES SCHOOLS WILL FOLLOW THIS SCHOOL YEAR. TS ALL A PART OF THE HEALTHY HUNGER FREE KIDS ACT, CHAMPIONED BY THE FIRST LADY AND SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT OBAMA.

NOW SCHOOLS WILL OFFER FRUITS AND VEGETABLES EVERYDAY, MORE WHOLE GRAIN, LESS SATURATED FAT, TRANS FAT AND SODIUM AND LIMIT CALORIES BASED ON AGE.

*AMY MACLOSKY \ FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE DIRECTOR, ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS*

*YOU HAVE TO MEET THE GUIDELINES BUT AT THE SAME TIME YOU WANT IT TO BE APPEALING TO THE KIDS....TRYING TO APPEAL TO THEM WITH THE COLOR AND THE TEXTURE OF THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, MAKING THINGS THAT THEY LOVE."*

SOME SCHOOLS LIKE BARCROFT HAVE TEAMED UP WITH LOCAL FARMERS TO BUY FRESH PRODUCE STRAIGHT FROM THE FARM. THE HEALTHIER FOOD MAY COST MORE, SO IN EXCHANGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS INCREASING FUNDING TO SCHOOLS THAT COMPLY WITH THE NEW GUIDELINES WITH AN EXTRA SIX CENTS PER LUNCH PER STUDENT. FAVORITES LIKE PIZZA WILL NOT DISAPPEAR FROM THE MENU, THE RECIPE WILL JUST CHANGE. THEY WILL USE LOW FAT INGREDIENTS INSTEAD.

### **Teacher In Service – 8/20/12 – 5 & 6 pm**

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, A BACK TO SCHOOL, COUNTY-WIDE TEACHER IN-SERVICE MEETING WAS HELD IN BELMONT COUNTY. IT'S ALL IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE COLLABORATION BETWEEN DISTRICTS TO BETTER SHARE IDEAS. TODAY



NEWS NINE'S KATE DAVISON STOPPED BY THE MEETING PACKED WITH TEACHERS FROM NEARLY EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEN WE ARRIVED AT BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS THIS MORNING, WE COULD HARDLY FIND A PLACE TO PARK. THAT'S BECAUSE 600 TEACHERS AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS MET IN ONE PLACE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS PARKING LOT WAS OVERFLOWING WITH CARS AND THE CAFETORIUM FILLED WITH LOCAL SCHOOL OFFICIALS FROM EIGHT DIFFERENT DISTRICTS THIS MORNING. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, EIGHT DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS CONVERGED IN THE SAME PLACE FOR A COUNTY-WIDE TEACHER IN-SERVICE MEETING.

*TED DOWNING \ BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*  
*"WE WANT TO MAKE THIS A YEARLY TRADITION."*

BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT TED DOWNING SAID THEIR DISTRICT HOSTED THE EVENT THAT PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON MOTIVATION BUT SPEAKERS ALSO ADDRESSED OTHER TOPICS, LIKE CHANGES COMING FORTH IN THE STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM - AND A NEW OHIO TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEM DISTRICTS WILL BE WORKING TO PUT INTO PLACE.

*TED DOWNING \ BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*  
*"IT'S A BIG THING IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE IT'S A LOT OF GOALS..CURRICULUM, RUBICS THAT EVERYBODY HAS TO FOLLOW."*

THIS MEETING WAS SOMETHING OF A TRIAL RUN AND ALSO ONE THAT OFFICIALS ARE WORKING TO MAKE AN ANNUAL EVENT IN THE COUNTY. DOWNING SAID HE HOPES IN YEARS TO COME, TEACHERS CAN FORM BREAK-OUT SESSIONS BY GRADE AND SUBJECT AREA TO BRAINSTORM IDEAS AND LESSON PLANS FOR THEIR STUDENTS.

*TED DOWNING \ BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*  
*"THE KIDS HOPEFULLY WILL BE THE ONES TO BENEFIT FROM THESE MEETINGS IN THE FUTURE."*

HOPEFULLY, TEACHERS CAN GIVE BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL OFFICIALS SOME FEEDBACK ON WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE FROM NEXT YEAR'S COUNTY IN-SERVICE.

### **Harrison County Back To School – 8/17/12 – 5 & 6 pm**

MAINTAINENCE IS DONE ON THE FLEET OF BUSES USED IN HARRISON HILLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT. OFFICIALS SAY THE BUS DRIVERS RECEIVED THEIR BUS ROUTES AND TRAINING ON HOW TO HANDLE VARIOUS SITUATIONS BUT NOW THEY'RE ASKING THE PUBLIC TO BE READY WHEN SCHOOL STARTS ON THURSDAY.

*SHERIFF RON MYERS \ HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE*  
*"YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO KEEP A CERTAIN DISTANCE FROM THE SCHOOL BUS. ALWAYS OBEY THE FLASHING LIGHTS IF YOU RUN THEM WE DO TRACK YOU DOWN."*

*ED KOVACIK \ HARRISON HILLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT*  
*"I WANT MOTORISTS TO BE WATCHING. STUDENTS DON'T ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU TEACH THEM AND TELL THEM TO DO AND THAT'S WHEN THE REAL DANGER COMES IN WHEN NO ONE TAKES PRECAUTIONS."*

OTHER AGENCIES ARE ALSO SENDING OUT REMINDERS TO MOTORISTS ABOUT THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR INCLUDING THE WEIRTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

### **Hancock County Schools Controversy – 8/13/12 – 11 pm**

CONTROVERSY CONTINUES TO SURROUND PROJECTS UNDERWAY AS PART OF A NEW HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL BOND. TONIGHT, DOZENS OF PEOPLE REPRESENTING TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS GATHERED INSIDE THE TINY BOARD ROOM TO CONFRONT THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION. NEWS NINE'S RYAN ELDREDGE WAS THERE AND JOINS US LIVE NOW FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH ALL THE DETAILS.

DOZENS PACKED INSIDE THE TINY ROOM ON MONDAY NIGHT. AT ISSUE - A PROPOSED HEALTH CENTER AT THE NEW WEIRTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND FEES FOR THE USE OF BRAND NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUMS.

THERE WAS SHOUTING...

*"ANSWER IT... JUST ANSWER IT - WHAT IS IT? WHY WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PLAY WITH OUR KIDS ON THAT NEW FIELD?"*

DEBATE...

*"THAT'S NOT A DECISION THE BOARDS GONNA MAKE."*

AND CONFUSION...

*"WE WEREN'T PART OF THE PROCESS THAT'S LEAD TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY."*

THROUGHOUT THE PACKED ROOM WERE PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE OAK GLEN JUNIOR BEARS AND THE WEIRTON STEELERS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH INDUSTRY, MOST NOTABLY THE WEIRTON MEDICAL CENTER.

*VINCE DELUZIO \ HELPS RUN MEDICAL CENTER*

*"WE WANT TO HELP KIDS BUT WE WANNA DO IT IN A WAY THAT HELPS THE HOSPITAL AND THE EMPLOYED PHYSICIANS IN OUR MARKET."*

DESPITE ARGUMENTS ABOUT FEES TO USE THE NEW STADIUMS AND THE EXCLUSION OF WEIRTON MEDICAL CENTER AND OTHER PHYSICIANS AT THE NEW HEALTH CENTER THE SCHOOL BOARD DIDN'T BUDGE.

*JERRY DURANTE \ PRESIDENT OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY B.O.E.*

*"THESE ARE NEW ISSUES...THEY'RE ISSUES - BUILDING A NEW SCHOOL - POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS MANY OTHER PEOPLE ARE - CHANGES OCCURED WITH THE OTHER GROUP AND THE COSTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED THERE."*

THE ARGUMENTS DID NOT SWAY THE BOARD. THEY ARE STILL PLANNING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE HEALTH CENTER AND THE FEES. SO WE SHOULD EXPECT MORE FIREWORKS AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

## **Education – September 2012**

### **Edison Local Back-Up Plan – 9/29/12 – 6 & 11 pm**

EDISON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS ARE PLANNING WHAT TO DO IN CASE THE NOVEMBER LEVY DOESN'T PASS. BOARD MEMBERS HELD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS THE FUNDING ISSUE. NEWS9'S BRIONA ARRADONDO IS IN THE NEWSROOM WITH WHAT CAME OUT OF TODAY'S MEETING.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS EDISON LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TALKED NUMBERS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. AFTER AN EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING, SUPERINTENDENT BILL BEATTIE TELLS ME ABOUT SOME OF THE MAIN CONCERNS THAT WERE DISCUSSED.

*BILL BEATTIE \ EDISON LOCAL SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*

*"WE HAD SIGNED A LEASE WITH CHESAPEAKE WITH SOME OF THE LAND THAT WE OWN IN OUR DISTRICT AND AS OF THIS POINT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED OUR SIGNING BONUS. IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN, WE'RE GOING TO BE FACING A \$300,000 DEFICIT."*

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS FACED FUNDING PROBLEMS FOR YEARS.

*"THE OTHER THING THAT WE'RE RUNNING INTO IS WE'VE LOST A LITTLE OVER \$2 MILLION IN PERMANENT OPERATING FUNDS."*

BEATTIE SAYS THEY HAVEN'T PASSED NEW MONEY SINCE 1976. IF THE CHESAPEAKE DEAL TAKES TOO LONG AND THEY DON'T RECEIVE THE BONUS MONEY BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR THERE NEEDS TO BE A BACKUP PLAN.

*"WE HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS AND A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE DECIDED. WE DO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT ON A 3-MIL BOND ISSUE IN MARCH."*

SCHOOLS OFFICIALS SAY THEY WILL \*NOT\* HAVE ANY MORE CUTS

*"WE MADE THE PROMISE TO THE RESIDENTS OF EDISON LOCAL THAT WE WEREN'T GOING TO MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL CUTS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR, SO THE ONLY THING THAT WE'RE IMPLEMENTING AT THIS TIME IS THE PAY TO PARTICIPATE."*

### **New Cafeteria Guidelines – 9/27/12 – 5 pm**

OFFICIALS AT THE BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT SAY THEY'RE FOLLOWING STRICT NEW GUIDELINES IN THE CAFETERIA. OFFICIALS SAY THESE NEW RULES WERE HANDED DOWN FROM THE STATE AND THEY HAD TO COMPLY BY THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR OR ELSE DISTRICTS WILL LOSE FUNDING.

SUPERINTENDENT TED DOWNING SAID THE DISTRICT PURCHASED TWO NEW SALAD BARS AND AT LAST CHECK APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT OF STUDENTS ARE CHOOSING THE HEALTHIER OPTION.

*SUPERINTENDENT TED DOWNING \ BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS*

*"WE'VE EVEN HAD SOME STUDENTS ASK IF THEY DID A PROJECT WHERE THEY GREW THEIR OWN HERBS THAT THEY COULD USE ON THE SALAD BAR SO SOME OF THE KIDS ARE GRADUALLY GETTING INTO AND WE WELCOME ANY CHANGES OR OPTIONS THAT THEY MIGHT ASK FOR."*

*"APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT OF OUR KIDS ARE EATING SALADS, EATING HEALTHIER, - AND THAT'S BEEN A BIG PLUS, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT GIVES THEM ANOTHER OPTION, ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE NOT A WHOLEGRAIN OR WHEAT-TYPE PERSON THAT LIKES THAT."*

SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY AS LONG AS THE FOOD OPTIONS ARE WITHIN THE GUIDELINES THEY'RE WILLING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR THEIR STUDENTS.

### **Switzerland of Ohio Schools – 9/26/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

THE SWITZERLAND OF OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICT IS FINANCIALLY STRAPPED AFTER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SLASHED ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE BUDGET AND OFFICIALS SAY CUTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE. NEWS9'S KATE DAVISON SPOKE WITH DISTRICT OFFICIALS THIS MORNING.

SWITZERLAND OF OHIO SCHOOLS SUPEINTENDENT LARRY ELLIOTT SAID, AS ALWAYS, THE DISTRICT MUST LIVE WITHIN ITS BUDGET EVEN IF IT'S NOW CONSIDERABLY LESS. ELLIOTT SAID CUTS WERE MADE TO TRY AND STAY OUT OF FISCAL EMERGENCY.

MAJOR BUDGET ISSUES ARE LOOMING OVER THE SWITZERLAND OF OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ASKED THE BOARD TO CUT A WHOPPING ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE BUDGET.

*LARRY ELLIOTT \ SWITZERLAND OF OHIO SUPERINTENDENT*

*"THEY'RE BASICALLY SAYING CUT THAT MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR."*

SUPERINTENDENT LARRY ELLIOTT SAID IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS THE BOARD HAS WORKED TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN. ELLIOTT SAID CUTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE DURING PHASE ONE.

*LARRY ELLIOTT \ SWITZERLAND OF OHIO SUPERINTENDENT*

*"WE HAVE LOOKED AT NON-EDUCATIONAL AREAS TO TRY TO TRIM BACK OUR EXPENSES."*

THE DISTRICT HAS REDUCED 2 BUS ROUTES, A MAINTENANCE POSITION, ONE PRINCIPAL'S POSITION, AN ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE AND A DISTRICT CURRIER.

*LANCE ERLWEIN \ TREASURER*

*"AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR, JUNE 30, 2013, WE'RE EXPECTED TO SPEND A MILLION MORE DOLLARS THAN WE BRING IN."*

TREASURER LANCE ERLWEIN SAID RIGHT NOW, THE DISTRICT IS IN FISCAL CAUTION AND SINCE OVER 80 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET IS MADE UP OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS, RECENT INFLATIONARY PRESSURES ARE ADDING A STRAIN ON THE DISTRICT.

*LANCE ERLWEIN \ TREASURER*

*"WE REALIZE ABOUT 2-4 PERCENT FOR INFLATION ON MOST EXPENDITURES, UNFORTUNATELY WITH THE INSURANCE, THOSE INCREASES HAVE BEEN IN THE DOUBLE DIGITS AND THAT REALLY HURTS OUR DISTRICT."*

AND DURING OUR INTERVIEW, ELLIOTT MADE AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION. THE RECENT BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS ACROSS THE DISTRICT ARE ENTIRELY SEPERATE FROM THE BUDGET.

*LARRY ELLIOTT \ SWITZERLAND OF OHIO SUPERINTENDENT*

*"HOPEFULLY THE VOTERS DON'T CONFUSE OUR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR OUR NEW BUILDINGS WITH THE CURRENT FISCAL SITUATION WE'RE IN."*

ANYONE WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS IS ASKED TO CONTACT TREASURER LANCE ERLWEIN AT (740) 472-5801, EXT NUMBER 215.

ELLIOTT SAID IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, PHASE TWO OF THE PLAN WILL BE PUT INTO ACTION NEXT YEAR IN WHICH VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR CUTBACKS.

### **Education Nation – 9/25/12 – 5 pm**

NBC EDUCATION NATION CONTINUES IN NEW YORK TODAY. IT BRINGS TOGETHER A WIDE SPECTRUM OF EDUCATION EXPERTS TO EXPLORE WAYS TO IMPROVE EDUCATION IN AMERICA.

ROCK STAR CHEFS ARE ALL THE RAGE ON TELEVISION SO IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING TOP CHEFS THEMSELVES OR MAYBE THE DREAM IS MANAGING OR OWNING A RESTAURANT. A HIGH SCHOOL IN MINNESOTA IS GIVING SOME OF THEIR STUDENTS A LEG UP WITH HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION IN THE SCHOOL'S STUDENT RUN RESTAURANT. KIM INSLEY HAS THE STORY.

KATHY ELLEFSON RUNS A TIGHT SHIP.....THE LUNCHTIME RUSH IN HER KITCHEN MOVES WITH MILITARY PRECISION. WHAT MAKES THIS RESTAURANT EVEN MORE REMARKABLE IS ITS STUDENT RUN.

*KATHY ELLEFSON \ CULINARY INSTRUCTOR*

*"We start out by learning the equipment, customer service, sanitation, safety."*

THIS IS THE FOOD OCCUPATIONS CLASS AT ELK RIVER HIGH SCHOOL WHICH COMES WITH A FULLY OPERATIONAL KITCHEN. STUDENTS AND STAFF CAN ORDER IN OR TAKE IT OUT AND EVERY BIT OF IT IS RUN BY STUDENTS.

*KATHY ELLEFSON \ CULINARY INSTRUCTOR*

*"So the menu we have today is student planned, student costed. They have to do cost control so we don't lose money."*

LOSING IS MOST DEFINITELY NOT ON THE MENU. ELK RIVER BOASTS THE STATE'S NUMBER ONE HIGH SCHOOL CULINARY TEAM. THEY'RE PREPPING FOR NATIONALS IN BALTIMORE.

*JOSHUA WALBOLT \ SENIOR*

*"Starting off with a wall eye cake on top of a summer slaw."*

STEPHANIE MCGUIRE HANDLES THE ENTRÉE.

*STEPHANIE MCGUIRE \ SENIOR*

*"It's an herb-crusted lamb with dijon honey mustard glaze."*

TORI NEUBAUER AND EMILY COOMER ARE IN CHARGE OF THE DESSERT.

*TORI NEUBAUER \ JUNIOR*

*"It's a banana-rum sauvignon with a chocolate gnoche with caramelized pineapple."*

TOM KAVANAUGH IS A MENTOR AND COACH. WITH THIRTY YEARS IN THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS HE CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY THESE KIDS ARE GETTING.

*TOM KAVANAUGH \ MENTOR*

*"And to find out if they even want to be in this industry, that's what I think is the most important thing about it."*

IT'S COOKING TO THE EXTREME.

EMILY COOMER \ SENIOR

*"Especially towards the end... It gets very intense."*

AND IT'S ALSO VERY GOOD TRAINING.

TOM KAVANAUGH \ MENTOR

*"I would hire any of these four into a restaurant kitchen right now, today."*

HAUTE CUISINE OR DINER DELIGHTS, ELK RIVER'S CULINARY STUDENTS DO IT ALL. A PERFECT BLEND FOR A STUDENT WITH AN EYE ON A CULINARY CAREER.

KATHY ELLEFSON \ CULINARY INSTRUCTOR

*"I've taught for 38 years, and to see where home economics has come to actual career opportunities for kids is amazing."*

### **Education Nation – 9/24/12 – 5 & 11 pm**

A JEFFERSON COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS BEING FEATURED FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS ON NBC'S EDUCATION NATION. WELLS ACADEMY IN STEUBENVILLE IS ONE OF THE TOP SCHOOLS HIGHLIGHTED FOR ITS STRIDES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. NEWS9'S BRIONA ARRADONDO HAS MORE ON THIS HONOR.

WELLS ACADEMY STUDENTS ARE A PART OF A LEADING CURRICULUM ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. AS A FEATURED SCHOOL ON EDUCATION NATION, I TALKED TO OFFICIALS ABOUT WHAT MAKES THE ACADEMY STAND OUT.

STUDENTS HERE AT WELLS ACADEMY IN STEUBENVILLE ARE A PART OF A LEADING CURRICULUM IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS WERE NOTICED BY NBC'S EDUCATION NATION.

SUPERINTENDENT MIKE MCVEY \ STEUBENVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

*"OUR STAFF HAS REALLY BOUGHT INTO THE PROGRAM, INTO THE CURRICULUM AND OUR RESULTS, ITS DATA DRIVEN PER EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT, SO WE'RE FINALLY NOW GETTING THE RESULTS FROM IT."*

THIS FEATURED SCHOOL WASN'T AN OVERNIGHT SUCCESS. SCHOOLS OFFICIALS TELL ME IT TOOK 15 YEARS.

JOE NOCERA \ WELLS ACADEMY PRINCIPAL

*"WITHOUT THE KIDS COMING DAILY WANTING TO LEARN, WITHOUT A DEDICATED STAFF AND WITHOUT A COMMUNITY THAT HAS AN OUTSTANDING WORK ETHIC, THIS JUST DOESN'T WORK."*

EDUCATION NATION BRINGS TOGETHER TOP LEADERS AND EDUCATORS IN THE COUNTRY TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THOUGH WELLS ACADEMY IS MAKING STRIDES THERE ARE STILL CHALLENGES AHEAD

SUPERINTENDENT MIKE MCVEY \ STEUBENVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

*"THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION WE HAVE WITH READING, OUR TUTORING PROGRAM, TO SEE THE KIDS WHO ARE HAVING TROUBLE IN THEIR EARLY YEARS TO GET THROUGH THAT EARLY YEARS AND ALSO OUR EMPHASIS ON AN HOUR OF MATH A DAY."*

CHANGES TO KEEP THESE STUDENTS AHEAD IN THE GAME.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS TELL ME THE COMMUNITY'S INVOLVEMENT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACADEMY'S SUCCESS.

### **Brooke County Consolidation – 9/20/12 – 5 & 6 pm**

TWO LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOLS THAT WERE BUILT IN THE 1920'S MAY SOON BE NO LONGER. NEWS 9'S ALEX KOSCEVIC SPOKE WITH BROOKE COUNTY OFFICIALS ABOUT THEIR PLANS TO CREATE A NEW, CONSOLIDATED MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE'S LIVE IN BROOKE COUNTY WITH MORE.

THIS IS FOLLANSBEE MIDDLE SCHOOL BEHIND ME AND IT ALONG WITH WELLSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL, HAVE BEEN LOSING STUDENTS IN THE RECENT YEARS. SUPERINTENDENT KATHY KIDDER TELLS ME THAT'S JUST ONE REASON THEY'RE PLANNING TO CREATE ONE CONSOLIDATED MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR BROOKE COUNTY.

WELLSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN 1922. AND FOLLANSBEE WAS BUILT IN 1927. OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE WORKING HARD TO MAKE THE SCHOOLS LAST BUT THEY'RE SHOWING THEIR AGE AND IT'S COSTING THE COUNTY.

*DR. KATHY KIDDER\SUPERINTENDENT, BROOKE COUNTY SCHOOLS*

*"The influx of money we have to put into it for technology has caused a lot of work to be done because of the structure. It's so old, the age of the buildings, they weren't built conducive to technological infrastructure."*

KIDDER SAYS A COMMITTEE APPROACHED THE BOARD A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO RECOMMENDING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE TWO SCHOOLS INTO A BRAND NEW BUILDING. SHE SAYS IT'S A NECESSARY MOVE ESPECIALLY SINCE THE COUNTY IS LOSING ABOUT 100 STUDENTS PER YEAR.

*DR. KATHY KIDDER\SUPERINTENDENT, BROOKE COUNTY SCHOOLS*

*"You can't keep things as they are just because we were successful how they are. We can't stop; we can't just rest on our laurels. We just have to move forward."*

IT'S STILL IN THE BEGINNING STAGES, BUT RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE LOOKING AT USING PROPERTY NEAR BROOKE HIGH TO BUILD THE NEW SCHOOL. KIDDER SAYS IT'S REMINISCENT OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF WELLSBURG AND FOLLANSBEE HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE '60S.

*DR. KATHY KIDDER\SUPERINTENDENT, BROOKE COUNTY SCHOOLS*

*"You still hear people talking about the Follansbee-Wellsburg High School days, and I think it's enjoyable to hear them reminisce, and I imagine once the middle schools come together, we'll hear that for many years."*

KIDDER SAYS ONCE THEY FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH THE SCHOOL WILL COST, THEY'LL PUT A BOND LEVY ON THE BALLOT WHICH SHOULD BE IN 2014.

### **Online Education – 9/17/12 – 5 pm**

BELMONT COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING TO ESTABLISH VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS FOR STUDENTS IN EACH DISTRICT. OFFICIALS SAY THE INITIATIVE WILL ALLOW STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. NEWS 9'S KATE DAVISON SPOKE WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS THIS AFTERNOON AND SHE JOINS US LIVE FROM BELMONT COUNTY WITH THE DETAILS.

IT'S CALLED "BELMONT ONLINE" AND WILL ENABLE STUDENTS TO HAVE A DIPLOMA FROM THEIR OWN SCHOOL IN BELMONT COUNTY WITHOUT ACTUALLY BEING PRESENT IN THE BUILDING.

*TED DOWNING \ BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*

*"IT'S TO TRY AND PROVIDE STUDENTS ANOTHER FORM OF EDUCATION."*

SUPERINTENDENT TED DOWNING WITH BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS SAID THAT'S THE GOAL FOR A NEW ONLINE LEARNING INITIATIVE IN BELMONT COUNTY. OFFICIALS WITH EACH DISTRICT HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR OVER A YEAR TO DEVELOP WHAT'S CALLED BELMONT ONLINE. THIS NEW PROGRAM ALLOWS STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT THEY LIVE IN. DOWNING SAID TRADITIONALLY, STUDENTS HIGH SCHOOL AGE AND YOUNGER CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WHEN THEY TAKE UP ONLINE SCHOOLING NOW, THAT'S ABOUT TO CHANGE FOR STUDENTS IN BELMONT COUNTY.

*TED DOWNING \ BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*

*"WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO TRY AND BRING THE KIDS BACK TO US WHO GO TO THESE ONLINE SCHOOLS AND THEY DON'T EVER GET THE CHANCE TO DO EXTRA-CURRICULARS BECAUSE THOSE SCHOOLS DON'T HAVE IT."*

NOT TO MENTION, EACH STUDENT THAT ENROLLS IN A DISTRICT ONLINE OR OTHERWISE, BRINGS IN NEARLY \$6,000. DOWNING SAID "BELMONT ONLINE" WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AS EARLY AS KINDERGARTEN.

*TED DOWNING \ BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*

*"FOR SOME PARENTS WHO HOMESCHOOL AND HAVE TO COME UP WITH THEIR OWN CURRICULUM, THIS IS ONLINE FOR THE LITTLE KIDS AS WELL."*

*THE PROGRAM CAN ALSO BE USED FOR ONGOING ILLNESSES...*

*TED DOWNING \ BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*

*"...OR NOT ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL REGULARLY.....THAT ALSO .."*

DOWNING SAID EACH SCHOOL WILL MAINTAIN THEIR OWN GRADING SYSTEM MAINTAINING EACH DISTRICT'S INDIVIDUALITY WHILE CREATING A COUNTY-WIDE PARTNERSHIP.

DOWNING SAID BELMONT ONLINE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN JUST A FEW WEEKS AND THOSE INTERESTED ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE DETAILS.

### **School Lunches – 9/14/12 – 5 pm**

IT'S BEEN ALMOST A MONTH NOW SINCE SOME KIDS IN THE VALLEY WENT BACK TO SCHOOL AND WITH THAT CAME A LOT OF CHANGES. SOME THAT MIGHT NOT BE NOTICEABLE TO MANY ARE THE CHANGES AND NEW REGULATIONS FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES. NEWS9'S PHILIP STAHL HAS A LOOK AT THE CHANGES FROM WHEELING.

OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS SERVE OVER 4,000 STUDENTS LUNCH ON A DAILY BASIS AND WITH EVERY LUNCH COMES SOME CHANGES THAT STUDENTS MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SEE BUT SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY IN THE LONG RUN THESE NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS WILL BENEFIT EVERYONE'S HEALTH.

AS SOON AS THE BELL RINGS AT WHEELING PARK HIGH SCHOOL, STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 LINE UP TO GET LUNCH BUT WITH EVERY TRAY COMES SOME NEW ADDITIONS.

RENEE GRIFFIN \ CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTOR

"WE'VE MADE A LOT OF THESE CHANGES IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND STUDENTS REALLY TAKE WELL TO THE ADDED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES."

OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTOR RENEE GRIFFIN SAYS THAT THE NEW REGULATIONS THAT WERE ISSUED BY THE USDA CAME OUT IN JANUARY BUT JUST WENT INTO EFFECT THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

RENEE GRIFFIN \ CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTOR

"THE CHANGES REALLY REFLECT HEALTHIER OPTIONS FOR OUR STUDENTS. YOU ARE GOING TO SEE A LOT MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ON THE TRAYS. WE NOW HAVE LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF PROTEINS WE CAN SERVE TO STUDENTS AS WELL AS WHOLE GRAINS."

ON EVERY TRAY AND BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE KITCHEN NO ONE GOES AWAY WITHOUT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

RENEE GRIFFIN \ CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTOR

"WE ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DIFFERENT SUBGROUPS OF VEGETABLES, MEANING DIFFERENT TYPES OF DARK GREEN VEGETABLES, DIFFERENT TYPES OF RED AND ORANGE VEGETABLES, A LIMIT ON THE TYPE OF STARCH OR OTHER VEGETABLES THAT WE CAN SERVE."

GRIFFIN SAYS THAT THE NEW STANDARDS ARE DIFFERENT FOR EACH AGE GROUP. THERE ARE THREE CATEGORIES – K-5, 6-8 AND 9-12. THE OLDER YOU ARE THE MORE CALORIES YOU CAN BE SERVED. BUT, WHAT'S BEHIND THE CHANGE IN GUIDELINES, WHICH IS THE FIRST IN 15 YEARS. GRIFFIN SAYS NO DOUBT CHILDHOOD OBESITY BUT SHE SAYS THERE IS GOOD NEWS.

RENEE GRIFFIN \ CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTOR

"I WILL SAY THAT THE LATEST RESEARCH FOR CHILDHOOD OBESITY IS SHOWING THAT IT IS LEVELING OFF, WHICH IS A GOOD THING. WHETHER IT IS MORE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OR WE ARE PAYING CLOSER ATTENTION TO OUR EATING HABITS."

GRIFFIN ALSO TELLS ME THEY ARE ALSO STRESSING THAT MORE KIDS EAT BREAKFAST. STUDIES SHOW THAT IF KIDS IN THAT AGE GROUP EAT BREAKFAST THEY WILL BE AT A HEALTHIER BODY WEIGHT AND TEND TO BEHAVE AND DO BETTER IN SCHOOL.

### **Bus Driver Shortage – 9/11/12 – 5 & 6 pm**

OFFICIALS AT A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE SPEAKING OUT ABOUT A NEED FOR BUS DRIVERS AND NOW, OFFICIALS SAY SOME WORKERS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO STEP UP, PILING ON EXTRA DUTIES TO MAKE UP FOR THE SHORTAGE. NEWS9'S KATE DAVISON HAS BEEN WORKING TO LEARN MORE ON THIS STORY AND SHE JOINS US LIVE FROM BELMONT COUNTY WITH THE DETAILS.

RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE TWO BUS DRIVER POSITIONS OPEN AT THE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. NOW, THAT MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE VERY MANY TO MOST BUT SUPERINTENDENT KIRK GLASGOW SAID THE SHORTAGE IS CAUSING A GREAT STRAIN ON THE DISTRICT.

A SHORTAGE OF BUS DRIVER'S AT THE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS FORCING SOME STAFF MEMBERS TO PICK UP THE SLACK. I SAT DOWN WITH SUPERINTENDENT



KIRK GLASGOW, WHO SAID HE LOST TWO DRIVERS LAST YEAR BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, SOMETHING HE BLAMES ON THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY.

*KIRK GLASGOW \ UNION LOCAL SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*

*"THEY NEEDED BUS DRIVERS. THEY PAID THEM DOUBLE WHAT WE CAN PAY THEM, BUT AGAIN IT'S NOT FOREVER."*

AND WHILE TWO DRIVERS MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A WHOPPING LOSS, IT IS FOR THIS DISTRICT. HERE'S WHY:

DRIVER'S AT UNION LOCAL COVER 150 SQUARE MILES A DAY, WITH THE FURTHEST TRAVEL TIME ONE WAY, 30 OR 40 MINUTES OUT. NOW, THE DISTRICT HAS JUST 14 BUSES AND THE SAME NUMBER OF ROUTES. COMPARE THOSE NUMBERS WITH OVER A DECADE AGO WHEN THERE WERE 21 OR 22 ROUTES. GLASGOW SAID THE DISTRICT WAS FORCED TO CONSOLIDATE ROUTES TO CUT COSTS.

ALL THOSE REASONS ARE WHY GLASGOW SAID OFFICIALS HAD TO GET CREATIVE WITH TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS. IN SOME CASES, THAT MEANS BUMPING BACK THE START TIMES OF EVENTS SO THE NORMAL ROUTE ISN'T INTERRUPTED.

*KIRK GLASGOW \ UNION LOCAL SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*

*"WE CAN'T AFFORD TO PUT ANYMORE BUS DRIVERS ON BECAUSE WE CAN'T FIND THE BUS DRIVERS AND WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO DO THAT."*

GLASGOW SAID THE BUS TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISER, MECHANIC AND ONE MAINTENANCE WORKER, ALL EQUIPPED WITH COMMERCIAL DRIVING LICENSES, HAVE BEEN PICKING UP THE SLACK. BUT A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM ISN'T EASY. OFFICIALS SAID THERE ARE MANY MANDATORY STEPS TO THE POSITION AND EACH COMES WITH A PRICE TAG BUT GLASGOW SAID IN THEIR DISTRICT, DRIVERS CAN EVENTUALLY EARN PART OR ALL OF THE INITIAL COSTS BACK. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE DISTRICT PAY'S 90 PERCENT OF HEALTH BENEFITS.

*KIRK GLASGOW \ UNION LOCAL SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT*

*"SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I WOULD HOPE MAKES US ATTRACTIVE TO PROSPECTIVE BUS DRIVERS."*

GLASGOW ALSO NOTED A RECENT INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT, A STATISTIC THAT ACTS AS A DOUBLE EDGE SWORD FOR THE DISTRICT WITH THE CURRENT SHORTAGE OF BUS DRIVERS.

### **Indian Creek / Third Grade Guarantee – 9/5/12 – 5 pm**

THIS SCHOOL YEAR A NEW LAW TAKES EFFECT IN OHIO THAT REQUIRES THIRD GRADERS TO DO BETTER IN READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS AND WHILE THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD GOAL TO SET WE'VE FOUND OUT IT COULD BE DRAINING PRECIOUS FUNDING FROM A STRUGGLING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. NEWS9'S ADAM DEL ROSSO IS LIVE IN STUDIO 9 WITH MORE.

AS WE HAVE REPORTED IN THE PAST, INDIAN CREEK HAS BEEN STRUGGLING A BIT FINANCIALLY LATELY AND NOW THEY HAVE SOMETHING NEW TO WORRY ABOUT. GOVERNOR KASICH'S NEW BILL IS MEANT TO HELP STUDENTS BUT IT COULD BE HURTING THE DISTRICT.



AS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS GET BACK IN THE GROOVE THIS SCHOOL YEAR DISTRICTS IN OHIO HAVE SOMETHING NEW TO GET USED TO THEMSELVES, THAT IS GOVERNOR JOHN KASICH'S THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE.

*SUPERINTENDENT JOHN ROCCHI \ INDIAN CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
"THEY ARE ASKING US TO ASSESS KIDS EARLY IN KINDERGARTEN, 1ST GRADE TO DETERMINE IF A CHILD IS STRUGGLING. IF THEY ARE, WE NEED TO PROVIDE INTERVENTION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE."*

THE FOCUS IS ON READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS. WITH THE NEW LEGISLATION GOING INTO EFFECT THIS SCHOOL YEAR TEACHERS AT INDIAN CREEK ARE GETTING EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND USING TECHNOLOGY TO HELP IN THE CLASS ROOMS.

ACCORDING TO A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, A SIMILAR BILL HAS BEEN PASSED IN FLORIDA WHERE THE NUMBER OF THIRD GRADERS HELD BACK ALMOST QUADRUPLED. SUPERINTENDENT JOHN ROCCHI SAYS HE DOES NOT WANT THAT TO HAPPEN HERE.

*SUPERINTENDENT JOHN ROCCHI \ INDIAN CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
"IT COST ABOUT \$10,000 PER STUDENT WHEN A STUDENT IS RETAINED WHICH IMPACTS THE WHOLE PROCESS OF THE EDUCATION OF OTHER KIDS. WHEN YOU TAKE \$10,000 TO EDUCATE A KID AGAIN, WE ARE HAVING TO TAKE THAT MONEY FROM SOME OTHER PLACE WHERE IT COULD HAVE BEEN UTILIZED."*

AND ROCCHI SAYS STUDENTS CAN BE HELD BACK MULTIPLE TIMES. ONE THIRD GRADE TEACHER I SPOKE WITH SAYS IT CERTAINLY IS MAKING HER JOB MORE CHALLENGING BUT ROCCHI SAYS IT CAN BE A CHALLENGE FOR THE ENTIRE DISTRICT.

*SUPERINTENDENT JOHN ROCCHI \ INDIAN CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
"SOMETIMES WHEN LEGISLATION IS PUT INTO PLACE, IT DOES MAKE IT DIFFICULT ON THE DISTRICT. AS ALL DISTRICTS AROUND US KNOW WHEN SOMETHING IS PLACED INTO LAW WE HAVE TO ABIDE BY IT."*

ROCCHI SAYS GRANTS WILL BE SET ASIDE FROM THE STATE IN THE COMING MONTHS TO HELP DISTRICTS FUND THE GUARENTEE. HE SAYS HE PLANS TO APPLY.

## **NATURAL GAS DRILLING – JULY 2012**

### **Hancock County Drilling – 7/30/12 – 5 pm**

DRILLING IS UNDER WAY AT THE FIRST MARCELLUS SHALE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING SITE HANCOCK COUNTY. CHESAPEAKE ENERGY IS DRILLING THE ALISON FARMS WELL OUTSIDE NEW CUMBERLAND.

NEIGHBORS IN THE AREA SAY THE MACHINERY IN THAT AREA CAN BE HEARD AS A LAWNMOWER IN THE DISTANCE AND TRUCK TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED IN THE AREA. WATER FOR THE FRACKING PROCESS HAS BEEN BOUGHT FROM AREA CITIES INCLUDING FROM NEW CUMBERLAND.

### **Pipeline Protest – 7/26/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

LOCAL LABORERS ARE PROTESTING A PIPELINE PROJECT BECAUSE THE WORKERS THE COMPANY HIRED ARE FROM OUTSIDE OF THE AREA. NEWS 9'S ALEX KOSCEVIC HAS THE STORY ON WHY LOCAL WORKERS SAY THEY SHOULD BE ON THE JOB.

MEMBERS OF A LOCAL LABOR UNION TELL US THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE FROM OUT OF THE AREA WERE BROUGHT IN TO WORK ON A PIPELINE IN HARRISON COUNTY AND THEY'RE SPEAKING OUT AND PROTESTING THE COMPANY'S DECISION BECAUSE THEY SAY ABOUT 30 JOBS COULD HAVE GONE TO UNEMPLOYED WORKERS RIGHT HERE IN THE VALLEY.

CLINT POWELL \ LIUNA LOCAL 80

*"We have a lot of members laid off that's looking out their back windows -- looking at all these out-of-state workers taking our jobs. In the meantime, they're in the house juggling which bill to pay. "*

THAT'S BECAUSE, POWELL SAYS, THE PEOPLE WHO \*ARE\* WORKING ON THE PIPELINE ARE FROM OUT OF STATE. POWELL IS THE MANAGER OF LABORERS' LOCAL 809 AND HE SAYS LOCAL PEOPLE SHOULD BE WORKING ON THIS HARRISON COUNTY PIPELINE PROJECT AND THIS MORNING DOZENS OF LOCALS TOOK A STAND PROTESTING THE COMPANY'S DECISION BECAUSE PROTESTERS SAY WORKERS RIGHT IN HARRISON COUNTY ARE QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB.

CARL JONES \ UNEMPLOYED UNION WORKER

*"All these local unions around Harrison County all have well-trained pipeline workers that should be working today and it's just what they tell you....what they want you to think that we have no trained people here and that's certainly not true."*

DOMINION EAST OHIO HAS CONTRACTED BRUCE ALLEN, A COMPANY OUT OF RIPLEY, WEST VIRGINIA, TO WORK ON THE PIPELINE. WE CONTACTED DOMINION EAST OHIO AND HERE'S WHAT SPOKESPERSON TRACY OLIVER HAS TO SAY:

*"THE PROJECT IN HARRISON COUNTY IS ONE OF MANY PROJECTS THAT WE AWARD EVERYDAY THROUGH A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS. CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED BASED ON THE ABILITY TO PERFORM, PAST PERFORMANCES AND THE ABILITY TO MEET ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS."*

BUT PROTESTERS SAY WORKERS IN HARRISON COUNTY ARE EAGER FOR WORK AND THE PROTEST WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE COMPANY UNDERSTANDS THIS MESSAGE FROM LOCAL LABORERS:

CARL JONES \ UNEMPLOYED UNION WORKER

*"You need to look at us first before you start bringing out-of-staters in to take our jobs away."*

### **Road Use Agreements – 7/25/12 – 6 & 11 pm**

IN APRIL, ODOT BROUGHT STATE AND LOCAL LEADERS TOGETHER WITH OIL AND GAS DRILLING OFFICIALS IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT OUR ROADS. THEY WANTED TO HASH OUT A PLAN THAT LEFT ROAD MAINTENANCE UP TO THOSE HEAVIER USERS IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY. NEWS9'S JOSH EACHUS WAS AT THAT MEETING AND NOW HE'S FINDING OUT THAT ALL \*ISN'T\* GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

SOME LOCAL LEADERS ARE TELLING ME THAT THESE ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, OR RUMA'S ARE ONLY HALF WORKING AND THE CONCERNS AREN'T ON ROADS LIKE THIS ONE. IT'S THE EVEN LESSER TRAVELED, TOWNSHIP AND RURAL ROADS THAT SEEM TO BE GETTING IGNORED.

*"WE'RE ON THE BACK BURNER. COUNTY HIGHWAYS, STATE HIGHWAYS, THEY SEEM TO BE GETTING ALL OF THE EMPHASIS, THAT'S WHERE ALL OF THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT. MAJOR COMPANIES HAVE SPENT SIGNIFICANT MONEY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, PROBABLY CLOSE TO SIX AND A HALF OR SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS."*

UP AND DOWN OUR WINDING ROADS HERE IN THE VALLEY, IT'S BECOMING EASIER AND EASIER TO SPOT ONE OF THESE.....A DRILL RIG SET UP, OPERATIONS IN FULL SWING. ADDED WORK MEANS MORE TRUCKS AND MORE STRAIN ON OUR ROADWAYS. SO OFFICIALS WORKED TO DRAFT UP A ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT. BUT SALEM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE TERRY BELL TELLS ME HE'S RUN INTO A PROBLEM.

*"THEY DON'T HONOR THEIR OWN SIGNATURE."*

BELL SAYS HIS TOWNSHIP HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH ONE COMPANY THAT ROADS WOULD BE RECONSTRUCTED \*PRIOR\* TO ANY DRILLING ACTIVITY.

*"THEY WANTED TO BRING A RIG IN 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE, TOLD THE CONTRACTOR, THEY HIRED TO RECONSTRUCT THE HIGHWAY, MOVE OVER, WE'RE BRINGING IN THE EQUIPMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE WERE 974 TRUCKS OF ALL SIZES THAT TRAVELLED THAT ROAD."*

AS PART OF THE RUMA DRILLING COMPANIES ARE REQUIRED TO: UNDERSTAND THE STARTING CONDITIONS OF THE ROADS, MAKE ANY IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THEIR VEHICLES TO TRAVEL A GIVEN ROAD, WHILE STILL FOLLOWING ALL STATE REGULATIONS, REPAIR ANY DAMAGES THEY CAUSE TO THE ROADS AND RESTORE THE ROADS TO THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION.

BEYOND THESE CONDITIONS, THERE'S EVEN TERMS OF ROAD USE FOR THE COMPANIES INCLUDING MARKING ROUTES FOR THEIR TRAFFIC TO KEEP VEHICLES IN DESIGNATED AREAS PROTECTED BY THE RUMA.

THIS COPY OF A RUMA GOES EVEN FURTHER DISCUSSING NOTICE OF CLOSURES, WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS, EVEN DUST CONTROL. BELL SAYS BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMPANY OFFICIALS WOULD LIKELY SOLVE ALL OF THIS. I DID REACH OUT TO A FEW GAS COMPANIES, BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO GET THROUGH.

### **Cracker Plants – 7/17/12 – 6 & 11 pm**

A WEST VIRGINIA COMMERCE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCED THAT THE MOUNTAIN STATE IS BEING LOOKED AT AS A POTENTIAL SITE FOR UP TO THREE CRACKER PLANTS BUT THERE'S STILL SPECULATION ON WHERE THOSE PLANTS WOULD GO. NEWS NINE'S KELLY CAMAROTE SPOKE WITH A LOCAL LAWMAKER WHO EXPLAINED WHY THE NORTHERN PANHANDLE WOULD BE THE IDEAL SITE FOR ONE OF THESE PLANTS.

AS SHALE GAS WELLS BECOME A COMMON SITE IN THE OHIO VALLEY MORE SPECULATION IS FLYING ABOUT POSSIBLE CRACKER PLANTS BEING BUILT IN THE MOUNTAIN STATE.

*DEL. RANDY SWARTZMILLER \ (D) HANCOCK COUNTY*

*"THERE'S A GUY IN CHARLESTON THAT WAS PUTTING TOGETHER A GROUP OF PRIVATE INVESTORS. THEY WERE GOING TO TRY AND BRING ONE IN ON THEIR OWN... NOW THAT WOULD BE THE SECOND ONE AND THE THIRD ONE I'M NOT REALLY SURE OF."*

THE SPECULATION GOT SOME VALIDATION WHEN WEST VIRGINIA'S SECRETARY OF COMMERCE MENTIONED UP TO FOUR COMPANIES INTERESTED IN BUILDING CRACKER PLANTS IN HIS STATE.

DEL. RANDY SWARTZMILLER \ (D) HANCOCK COUNTY

*"WE PUT TOGETHER LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES A GREAT FINANACIAL PACKAGE, ACTUALLY ONE OF THE BEST FINANCIAL PACKAGES IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE, SO THAT'S STILL IN PLACE SO PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING TO COMING TO THIS AREA ARE STILL GOING TO CATER TO THEM AND WE'RE STILL GOING TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO GET THEM IN HERE."*

HOUSE DELEGATE RANDY SWARTZMILLER WHO REPRESENTS HANCOCK COUNTY IN CHARLESTON EXPLAINS WHY THOSE COMPANIES COULD POSSIBLY CHOOSE TO COME TO WEST VIRGINIA'S NORTHERN PANHANDLE EVEN THOUGH ANOTHER PLANT DECIDED TO CHOOSE A SITE IN PENNSYLVANIA EARLIER THIS YEAR.

DEL. RANDY SWARTZMILLER \ (D) HANCOCK COUNTY

*"LOCATION.....WE'RE RIGHT ON THE RIVER, WE'VE GOT THE RAIL BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE'VE GOT THE DEEPER FORMATIONS OF GAS WHERE THE DEEP POCKETS ARE."*

BUILDING THE PLANT ON TOP OF THE POCKETS OF SHALE GAS WOULD CUT DOWN ON TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND SWARTZMILLER HOPES THE PLANT COULD PRODUCE JOBS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION, FOR ITS OPERATION AND FOR THE TRICKLE DOWN BUSINESSES THAT FOLLOW.

### **Well Explosion – 7/16/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

TONIGHT, WE'VE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE NAME OF THE PERSON KILLED AT A WELL EXPLOSION IN TUSCARAWAS COUNTY THIS MORNING HAS YET TO BE IDENTIFIED.

THE FATAL EXPLOSION HAPPENED AROUND 9:30 THIS MORNING JUST OUTSIDE OF BOLIVAR. OUR NEWS PARTNERS AT THE TIMES REPORTER SAY THE VICTIM'S IDENTITY LIKELY WONT BE RELEASED UNTIL IT CAN BE CONFIRMED THROUGH DENTAL RECORDS. HOWEVER, OUR CREW ON THE SCENE WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS MAN WAS A LOCAL WORKER. NEIGHBORS IN THE AREA OF THE BLAST SAY IT SOUNDED LIKE A CANNON GOING OFF.

*"MOSTLY ALL YOU COULD SEE WAS THE BLACK SMOKE OVER HERE....WHERE THE PINE TREES WERE THAT WAS ALL FLAMES AND MOSTLY BLACK SMOKE AND THEN IT WAS ALSO THE FLUIDS THAT CAME DOWN ALONG THE ROAD...ALL THAT WAS ON*

THERE ARE SOME GROUP HOMES AROUND WHERE THIS OIL AND GAS WELL EXPLODED. RESIDENTS THERE WERE EVACUATED WHEN THE WELL EXPLODED. WE'LL HAVE MORE AS NEW INFORMATION COMES TO LIGHT, INCLUDING WHAT CAUSE THE EXPLOSION.

### **5 & 6 pm –**

A FATAL EXPLOSION IN TUSCARAWAS COUNTY KILLS A 19-YEAR-OLD WORKING AT AN OIL WELL. THE EXPLOSION SENT FLAMES SHOOTING INTO THE SKY AND EVEN KNOCKED A NEIGHBOR AT LEAST A HUNDRED FEET AWAY ON THE GROUND.

*"I WAS ON MY KNEES WEEDING THERE AND ALL OF A SUDDEN A BLAST KNOCKED ME OVER AND I SAW A THING UP IN THE AIR...A FIRE BALL."*

A VIEWER WORKING AT A GROUP HOME NEXT TO THE EXPLOSION CAPTURED THIS VIDEO ON HIS CELL PHONE. NEWS NINE'S KELLY CAMAROTE EXPLAINS WHAT WORKERS HAD TO DO TO ENSURE THESE FLAMES DIDN'T SPREAD TO THEIR BUILDING.

YOU CAN SEE THIS FIRE THAT LINES THE ROADWAY. WITNESSES SAY THE OIL FROM THE WELL THAT EXPLODED FLOWED DOWN THE EMBANKMENT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND THEN CAUGHT FIRE. WORKERS AT A GROUP HOME JUMPED INTO ACTION AS SOON AS THEY HEARD THE EXPLOSION.

MELODY ALEXANDER \ BOLIVAR GROUP HOME

*"WE FELT THE FIRST INITIAL SHOCK WAVE WHICH FELT LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE."*

MELODY ALEXANDER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOLIVAR GROUP HOME, COULDN'T HAVE REALIZED IN THAT MOMENT THAT HER INSTINCTS MAY HAVE SAVED THIS FACILITY FROM GOING UP IN FLAMES.

MELODY ALEXANDER \ BOLIVAR GROUP HOME

*"I WENT OUTSIDE AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE GENTLEMAN'S NAME, SOMEBODY CAME UP TO HELP ME AND TAKE THE FIRE HOSE OUT BACK AND SPRAYED DOWN ALL THE GRASS AND WHAT FIRE WE COULD BEFORE THE FIREMEN SHOWED UP."*

THOSE FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED TO A WALL OF SMOKE, FLAMES DANCING ALONG THE PATH OF THE DRIVEWAY, AND FIRE CHARRING THE PINE TREES.

MELODY ALEXANDER \ BOLIVAR GROUP HOME

*"IT WAS OVER THE TREES....IT WAS TALLER THAN THE TREES....HUGE PROBABLY A HUNDRED FOOT FLAMES."*

ALL OF THIS CAUSED BY AN EXPLOSION AT AN OIL WELL THAT KILLED A 19-YEAR-OLD WORKER DOING PAINTING MAINTENANCE ON THE OIL HOLDING TANK. OFFICIALS ARE STILL WORKING TO NOTIFY HIS FAMILY BEFORE THEY'LL RELEASE HIS NAME.

DR. JAMES HUBERT \ TUSCARAWAS COUNTY CORONER

*"HIS PARTNER HAD GONE TO ANOTHER JOB IN NORTH CANTON AND WAS TO RETURN. BOTTOM LINE IS THAT WHEN HE WAS GONE THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION, ALL THE NEIGHBORS HEARD IT. THAT TANK THAT YOU SEE OVER HERE TRAVELED FROM THE SITE OF THE EXPLOSION TO THIS FIELD. IF THAT WOULD HAVE TRAVELED SLIGHTLY TO THE EAST IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GROUP OF HOMES NEXT DOOR."*

STAFF AND RESIDENTS AT THE GROUP HOME UNDERSTAND EXACTLY HOW LUCKY THEY ARE.

MELODY ALEXANDER \ BOLIVAR GROUP HOME

*"THE RESIDENTS HERE HAD JUST LEFT IN THE VAN PROBABLY 20 MINUTES FROM WHEN THIS HAPPENED."*

EVEN WHILE MY PHOTOGRAPHER AND I WERE STILL AT THE SCENE, INVESTIGATORS FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE ARRIVED TO START THEIR INVESTIGATION. IT'S UNCLEAR HOW LONG THAT INVESTIGATION WILL TAKE.

### **Oglebay Park Drilling – 7/9/12 – 5 pm**

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY EXPECTS TO COMPLETE A WELL TO ACCESS NATURAL GAS UNDERNEATH OGLEBAY PARK BY THE END OF 2012. THE COMPANY HASN'T DETERMINED WHEN PRODUCTION WILL BEGIN. IT FIRST MUST ESTABLISH GATHERING AND TRANSMISSION LINES. CHESAPEAKE WILL USE HORIZONTAL DRILLING TO ACCESS THE GAS. NO DRILLING EQUIPMENT WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SURFACE OF THE WHEELING PARK'S PROPERTY.

## **NATURAL GAS DRILLING – AUGUST 2012**

### **Governor Tomblin Announcement – 8/30/12 – 5 & 6 pm**

WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR EARL RAY TOMBLIN MAKES A PIT STOP IN THE OHIO VALLEY TO BE PART OF AN EXCITING ECONOMIC ANNOUNCEMENT. GOVERNOR TOMBLIN SPOKE IN MOUNDSVILLE TODAY AT THE TELETECH BUILDING WHERE A COMPANY IN THE MARCELLUS SHALE INDUSTRY PLANS TO INVEST BILLIONS. NEWS9'S PHILIP STAHL WAS IN MOUNDSVILLE THIS MORNING WHEN THE GOVERNOR HELPED MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT. HE HAS MORE, LIVE FROM WHEELING WITH THE STORY.

THE COMPANY MAKING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS THE WILLIAMS COMPANY. THEY RECENTLY ACQUIRED CAIMAN ENERGY EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY - THEIR COMPANY PLANS TO INVEST \$1.3 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE NORTHERN PANHANDLE AND CREATE OVER 100 NEW JOBS.

A NEW FIELD OFFICE FOR A COMPANY EXPECTED TO DUMP A LOT OF MONEY INTO MARSHALL COUNTY GRABBED THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNOR EARL RAY TOMBLIN. WILLIAMS COMPANY, A GAS PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE BUSINESS HOPES TO INVEST BIG IN THE AREA IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

*FRANK BILLINGS \ WILLIAMS VICE PRESIDENT*

*"THIS WILL BE A LOCAL FIELD OFFICE FOR US, WE WILL HAVE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE BASED OUT OF HERE, A LOT OF OUR FIELD GATHERING ASSETS AND OUR GATHERING AND PROCESSING FACILITIES THAT WE ARE BUILDING UP HERE."*

WILLIAMS VP FRANK BILLINGS MADE THE INVESTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ALONG WITH THE GOVERNOR AND LOCAL OFFICIALS. WITH THE INVESTMENT COMES JOBS, SOMETHING TOMBLIN SAYS THE STATE NEEDS EVERYDAY.

*GOV. EARL RAY TOMBLIN \ (D) WEST VIRGINIA*

*"I THINK IT'S A VERY EXCITING DAY. THESE ARE THE KIND OF JOBS THAT ARE GENERATIONAL JOBS, WHICH MEANS THAT A YOUNG PERSON CAN COME AND WORK AT WILLIAMS AND SPEND THEIR ENTIRE CAREER HERE WITH ONE COMPANY."*

FOR LOCAL LEADERS, LIKE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, THEY SAY COMPANY'S PUMPING THIS MUCH MONEY INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY IS GREAT NEWS FOR THE TAXPAYER.

*JAKE PADLOW \ MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSIONER*

*"IT MEANS LOWERING TAXES, AGAIN LAST YEAR OUR VALUES INCREASED 200 BILLION DOLLARS JUST IN MARSHALL COUNTY, WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO GIVE THIS BACK TO THE TAXPAYERS THIS YEAR AND I HOPE IN THE YEARS TO COME IT WILL BE MORE AND MORE."*

FOR THE GOVERNOR, HE SAYS ANNOUNCEMENTS LIKE THIS ARE ANOTHER POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR THE STATE'S ONGOING BOOM IN THE MARCELLUS SHALE INDUSTRY. IN FACT, HE'S STILL HOPING TO GET A CRACKER PLANT IN THE MOUNTAIN STATE.

*GOV. EARL RAY TOMBLIN \ (D) WEST VIRGINIA*

*"I FEEL WE HAVE A HUGE POTENTIAL IN OUR STATE, I STILL FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL HAVE A CRACKER IN W.V. AND THE STATS SAY FOR EVERY CRACKER LOCATED, WILL BE ABOUT 12,000 NEW DOWN STREAM JOBS."*

IN ADDITION OF NEW JOBS AND THEIR MULTIPLE PROJECTS GOING ON IN THE COUNTY, THE COMPANY WILL BE LEASING THE EXISTING SPACE IN THE TELETECH BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE THEM. WILLIAMS CURRENTLY HAS THREE CONSTRUCTION JOBS ONGOING IN THE COUNTY. THE RECENT IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GAS PROCESSING PLANT.



### **Growing Gas Industry – 8/17/12 – 5 pm**

A LOCAL COMMISSIONER SAYS THERE ARE NEW FACTS THAT SUGGEST THE DRILLING INDUSTRY WILL GROW IN THE OHIO VALLEY. THIS NEWS COMES AFTER A MEETING HOSTED BY THE MARK WEST COMPANY JUST THIS WEEK IN HARRISON COUNTY ABOUT THE COMPANY'S ANTICIPATED GAS PROCESSING PLANT IN THE COUNTY. NEWS NINE'S KELLY CAMAROTE HAS MORE.

IT'S SOMETHING WE HEAR ALL THE TIME. GAS DRILLING IS GOING TO TAKE OFF IN THIS AREA. I SPOKE WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER TOM GENTILE WHO SAYS NOW THERE'S MORE PROOF EMERGING THAT THE INDUSTRY WILL GROW.

TOM GENTILE KEEPS BRINGING BACK INFORMATION AND HOPE TO HIS FELLOW JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ABOUT GAS DRILLING OPPORTUNITIES...

*TOM GENTILE \ JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER*

*"IT APPEARS THAT SOME OF THE WELLS THAT HAVE BEEN DRILLED WITHIN A 5 OR 6 COUNTY AREA HERE HAVE DONE EXTREMELY WELL, AND ALSO, SOME OF THE WELLS THAT HAVE BEEN DRILLED WELL OUTSIDE THE AREA IN AREAS THAT WERE THOUGHT TO BE GOOD, AREN'T DOING SO WELL, WHICH AGAIN FOCUSES THINGS BACK ON OUR AREA, THE 5 OR 6 COUNTIES AROUND HERE."*

DISCUSSIONS WITH GAS COMPANIES INTERESTED IN THE OHIO VALLEY CONTINUED AT A MEETING JUST THIS WEEK IN HARRISON COUNTY.

*TOM GENTILE \ JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER*

*"IT WAS TO PREMIERE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR NEW FACILITY, IT WAS A GREAT EVENT, THEY HAD A LOT OF KEY PEOPLE COME IN FROM DENVER, THERE WERE A LOT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS THERE BUT ALSO, THE UNIONS WERE REPRESENTED THERE BECAUSE IN MY OPINION, MARK WEST HAS SET THE GOAL STANDARD FOR A COMPANY COMING IN AND WORKING WITH LOCAL LABOR, WORKING WITH LOCAL COMPANIES, EMPLOYING LOCAL PEOPLE, AND THEY'VE REALLY SET THE STANDARD AND I HOPE A LOT OF THE OTHER COMPANIES FOLLOW SUIT."*

A CONCERN LOCAL WORKERS VOICE FREQUENTLY SINCE THE INDUSTRY MAY APPEAR TO BE PROGRESSING SLOWLY.

*TOM GENTILE \ JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER*

*"IT'S COMING, IT'S STILL COMING. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN FRUSTRATED AND LEASING ACTIVITY HAS SLOWED DOWN BUT ALL INDICATIONS WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE MIDSTREAM, AT THE RIGHT OF WAYS THAT ARE BEING SECURED, AT ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING, COMPRESSOR STATIONS BEING PROPOSED, LIQUID PLANTS BEING BUILT, IT'S STILL COMING AND THE BULK OF THE JOBS HAS NOT EVEN BEEN GRANTED YET."*

GENTILE SAYS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GAS DRILLING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TO BE IN PLACE BEFORE WE'LL SEE THE GROWTH HE EXPECTS.

### **Drilling Website – 8/9/12 – 11 pm**

A NEW ONE-STOP WEBSITE WILL HELP VALLEY RESIDENTS FIND AND APPLY FOR THOUSANDS OF JOBS IN THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY.

A JOBS PORTAL PAGE ON THE WEBSITE OF ENERGY IN DEPTH OHIO WENT LIVE YESTERDAY. IT FEATURES A LIST OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR JOB SEEKERS.

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING LINKS TO THE EMPLOYMENT PAGES OF 22 COMPANIES LIKE CHESPEAKE ENERGY, LOCAL OFFICIALS SAY THIS IS A GREAT TOOL FOR PEOPLE HERE IN THE OHIO VALLEY.

*ED LOOMAN \ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROGRESS ALLIANCE*

*"ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I LIKED ABOUT THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE PUBLIC IS THAT THESE JOBS THAT ARE COMING IN THE SHALE INDUSTRY ARE GOING TO COVER A WIDE GAMUT - IF THE SHALE PLAY IS THERE CHANCE TO COME HOME --- WE THINK IT IS."*

YOU CAN CHECK OUT OPENINGS BY GOING TO E-I-D OHIO DOT ORG. ONCE YOU'RE ON THE HOME PAGE JUST CLICK ON THE JOBS TAB.

## **NATURAL GAS DRILLING – SEPTEMBER 2012**

### **Out of Town Workers – 9/29/12 – 11 pm**

DRILLERS BEWARE - THE OHIO COUNTY SHERIFF IS THREATENING A CRACKDOWN AND THIS TIME IT'S ON YOUR OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE PLATES. NEWS NINE'S RYAN ELDREDGE SPOKE WITH OHIO COUNTY SHERIFF PAT BUTLER ABOUT THIS GROWING ISSUE. HE JOINS US LIVE NOW FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH THE LATEST, RYAN WHAT CAN YOU TELL US?

I CAUGHT UP WITH THE SHERIFF WHILE HE ADMINISTERED A FITNESS TEST FOR POTENTIAL RECRUITS AND DURING OUR DISCUSSION HE SAID THE PROBLEM AMONG OUT OF STATE DRILLERS IS GROWING AND WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO GROW WITH THE INDUSTRY. HE JUST WANTS TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS PLAYING BY THE RULES AND PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE.

ALL OVER THE VALLEY YOU ARE SEEING THEM MORE AND MORE LICENSE PLATES FROM STATES LIKE TEXAS, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OKLAHOMA BUT DID YOU EVER THINK THAT THOSE DRIVERS COULD BE IN THE WRONG? AFTER MONTHS OF MEETINGS ALL THROUGHOUT OHIO COUNTY SHERIFF PAT BUTLER SAYS ONE THING IS CLEAR: SOME PEOPLE ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SYSTEM.

*SHERIFF PAT BUTLER \ OHIO COUNTY, WV*

*"THESE TRAILER CAMPS ARE STARTING TO POP UP, THESE PEOPLE ARE USING CITY EXPENSES AND THEY SHOULD BE PAYING THEIR FARE SHARE."*

THE SHERIFF SAYS WORKERS PRIMARILY WITH THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY ARE NOT FOLLOWING WEST VIRGINIA'S VEHICLE REGISTRATION LAWS.

*"YOU'VE GOT ALL THESE GAS AND OIL PEOPLE HERE AND IT'S JUST NOT GONNA FLY AND WE'RE GONNA BEGIN THE CRACKDOWN."*

THE SHERIFF OUTLINED THOSE LAWS FOR ME AND SAID IT'S VERY SIMPLE.

*"THESE OUT OF STATE WORKERS DO HAVE 90 DAYS BUT AFTER 90 DAYS THEY CAN GET A WEST VIRGINIA PLATE OR A SPECIAL PERMIT THAT'S RENEWABLE EVERY 60 DAYS FOR \$50."*

DURING OUR CONVERSATION THE SHERIFF SAYS THE RULES AND PUNISHMENT ARE VERY CLEAR. FIRST YOU'LL GET A FINE THEN IT GETS MORE SERIOUS.



*"IT CARRIES JAIL TIME LETS JUST PUT IT THAT WAY. IT'S UP TO THE MAGISTRATE IF THEY WANT TO PUT HIM IN ON THE SECOND OFFENSE."*

THE SHERIFF ENCOURAGES ANYONE WHO LIVES IN THE COUNTY TO CALL THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IF THEY BELIEVE SOMEONE ISN'T FOLLOWING THE STATE'S VEHICLE REGISTRATION LAWS.

### **Drilling Debate – 9/12/12 – 11 pm**

THERE'S A NEW DRILLING DEBATE BREWING IN THE OHIO VALLEY. THIS ONE'S NOT ABOUT NOISE OR EARTHQUAKES BUT THE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MOVED HERE TO WORK. NEWS9'S RYAN ELDREDGE GOT WIND OF THIS STORY TODAY. HE'S LIVE WITH A LOOK AT HOW THE ISSUE IS DIVIDING A CITY HERE IN THE OHIO VALLEY.

WITH THE GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY COMES A GROWING LIST OF CONCERNS FROM PUBLIC SAFETY TO ROAD DAMAGE BUT WHERE RESIDENTS OF MOUNDSVILLE SEEM TO BE DIVIDED IS WITH THE ISSUE OF POP-UP R-V SITES. SO I MET UP WITH CITY COUNCILMAN DAVID WOOD TO TALK ABOUT THIS GROWING CONTROVERSY.

FOR AS MANY PEOPLE THAT WANT THEM.....

DAVID WOOD \ 2ND WARD COUNCILMAN

*"WE HAVE RECIEVED SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR ZONING CHANGES IN ORDER TO PUT CAMPERS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE CITY."*

THERE SEEMS TO BE JUST AS MANY THAT DON'T.....

DAVID WOOD \ 2ND WARD COUNCILMAN

*"YOU HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE ESTABLISHED THAT DO NOT WANT CAMPERS THAT COME IN AND OUT."*

ARGUMENTS STEM FROM SAFETY TO CLEANLINESS OR JUST THE WAY THEY LOOK. ANYWAY YOU SLICE IT SOME PEOPLE JUST AREN'T WELCOMING THE CHANGE BUT IT'S HAPPENING AT AN ALARMING RATE.

DAVID WOOD \ 2ND WARD COUNCILMAN

*"IT SEEMS TO HAVE PEAKED PROBABLY FROM MAY THROUGH NOW."*

IT'S SOMETHING THAT HASN'T BEEN LOST ON MEMBERS OF MOUNDSVILLE'S CITY COUNCIL, A CITY THAT NOW BOASTS MORE THAN 150 INDIVIDUAL SITES. MEMBERS LIKE COUNCILMAN DAVID WOOD SAY THE CITY LOOKS AT EVERY ANGLE BEFORE ALLOWING SUCH SITES.

DAVID WOOD \ 2ND WARD COUNCILMAN

*"WE LOOK AT EVERYTHING - WE LOOK AT SURROUNDING AREAS, WE LOOK AT WHAT THE AREA LOOKS LIKE AT THIS POINT THEN WE MAKE A DECISION ON WHETHER TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE REQUEST."*

BUT AS THE INDUSTRY GROWS SO HAVE THE REQUESTS AND COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO BE FACED WITH A DIFFICULT BALANCING ACT.

DAVID WOOD \ 2ND WARD COUNCILMAN

*"IT'S A STICKY SITUATION. WE DON'T WANT TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM DOING WHAT THEY WANT TO DO BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THE CITIZENS IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS."*

COUNCILMAN WOOD SAY THEY HEAR REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS AT VIRTUALLY EVERY COUNCIL MEETING. SOMETHING HE THINKS WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS THE INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO GROW.

### **Barnesville Lease Agreement – 9/10/12 – 11 pm**

OUR TOP STORY TAKES US TO BELMONT COUNTY WHERE EARLIER TONIGHT THE VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE SIGNED A LEASE AGREEMENT THAT WILL HELP IT PULL IN A JAW-DROPPING 5.5 MILLION DOLLARS. THE NEWS IS HUGE FOR THE TOWN OF 4,000 PEOPLE AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY AND A COMPANY OUT OF COLORADO CALLED ANTERO RESOURCES. NEWS NINE'S RYAN ELDREDGE HAS MORE ON THIS BIG ANNOUNCEMENT.

IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE THAT THIS DEAL WAS BROKERED BY THE UTICA LANDOWNERS GROUP BUT WHAT IS SHOCKING IS JUST HOW MUCH MONEY THIS WILL BRING THE VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE AND JUST HOW MANY ACRES ARE INVOLVED, MORE THAN 1,000.

WE'VE BEEN ANTICIPATING MORE NEWS LIKE THIS. GAS DRILLING COMPANIES MOVING INTO THE AREA AND MORE AND MORE WE ARE SEEING THE SIGNS. ON MONDAY NIGHT BARNESVILLE ADDED ITSELF TO THE LIST OF TOWN'S REEPPING THE REWARD THANKS TO COLORADO BASED ANTERO RESOURCES.

*CHRIS TREML \ LAND MANAGER FOR ANTERO RESOURCES*

*"IT'S REALLY A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO BE ABLE TO BUILD OUR POSITION AND WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD WELLS IN THE FUTURE."*

BARNESVILLE'S VILLAGE COUNCIL APPROVED A LEASE AGREEMENT THAT WILL ALLOW ANTERO RESOURCES TO USE 1,047 ACRES. LAND THEY PLAN TO USE FOR DRILLING AND THE AGREEMENT WILL GIVE THE TOWN \$5,700 PER ACRE IN ADDITION TO 20 PERCENT IN ROYALTIES.

*RONALD BISCHOF \ MAYOR OF BARNESVILLE*

*"A TOWN OF 4,100 PEOPLE GETTING 5.5- 6MILLION DOLLARS IS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT. WE WILL USE THE MONEY TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE VILLAGE."*

THE MAYOR SAYS THIS IS ABOUT MORE THAN JUST THE MONEY OR THE LAND.

*RONALD BISCHOF \ MAYOR OF BARNESVILLE*

*"THIS IS GOING TO BRING IN JOBS OBVIOUSLY. SOME ARE GONNA COME IN BUT THERE ARE GOING TO BE PEOPLE THAT CREATE JOBS WHERE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO STAY IN BARNESVILLE."*

REPRESENTATIVES WITH ANTERO RESOURCES SAY THIS DEAL WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN DONE WITHOUT THE HELP OF PEOPLE IN BARNESVILLE AND WESTERN BELMONT COUNTY.

*CHRIS TREML \ LAND MANAGER FOR ANTERO RESOURCES*

*"THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT FOLKS IN THE AREA. THAT WAS THE BIGGEST PART OF IT."*

NOW ANTERO RESOURCES STILL WANTS TO ACQUIRE MORE ACREAGE AND WILL BE HOLDING A MEETING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 6:30 PM AT THE UNION LOCAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AND ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN LEASING IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

### **Utica Shale – 9/7/12 – 5 pm**

OIL AND GAS DRILLING HAS BEEN BOOMING IN THE OHIO VALLEY BUT ANOTHER KIND OF DRILLING IS MAKING AN IMPACT THIS YEAR AND IT'S PROJECTED TO BRING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS TO THE AREA. NEWS 9'S ALEX KOSCEVIC FOUND OUT MORE ABOUT UTICA SHALE AND WHAT THE RESOURCE MEANS FOR THIS AREA.

WE HEAR A LOT ABOUT MARCELLUS SHALE IN THE AREA BUT UTICA SHALE IS ANOTHER NATURAL RESOURCE THAT'S BRINGING JOBS TO THE AREA AND OUR REGION SITS RIGHT ON TOP OF THAT FORMATION MAKING THE OHIO VALLEY A PRIME LOCATION TO DRILL.

UTICA SHALE, IT'S A NATURAL RESOURCE THAT HAPPENS TO BE RIGHT IN OUR BACK YARD.

**ED LOOMAN \ PROGRESS ALLIANCE**

*"We're kind of on the cusp of where the Utica formation starts so we've got both. We've got Marcellus and Utica and Utica is where the wet gas or oil is and that is kind of what most of the drillers or the large companies want to get into."*

ED LOOMAN OF PROGRESS ALLIANCE SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN 11 WELLS CREATED IN OHIO SO FAR BUT HE SAYS THE AREA HAS ONLY SEEN ABOUT 5 PERCENT OF WHAT IS TO COME.

**ED LOOMAN \ PROGRESS ALLIANCE**

*"We knew all along that eventually we were going to see this activity, we just didn't know exactly when and it's started to pick up now and it's going to continue to pick up as we go forward."*

HE SAYS THERE ARE PROJECTIONS FOR 100 TO 200 THOUSAND JOBS IN OUR REGION, NOT ALL DIRECTLY FROM DRILLING BUT FROM LOCAL BUSINESS GROWTH AS WELL AND CORY JURSIK OF HEAVY DUTY INDUSTRIAL SAYS THAT'S EXACTLY HOW HIS COMPANY GREW BY CATERING MORE TO GAS DRILLING.

**CORY JURSIK \ HEAVY DUTY INDUSTRIAL**

*"We estimated 60 employees by the end of the year and we're actually already up to 130 since April."*

HE SAYS THE COMPANY USED TO FOCUS ON THE STEEL INDUSTRY BUT AS IT DECLINED THEY SWITCHED GEARS AND LOOMAN SAYS IT'S THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AREA TO DO JUST THAT.

**ED LOOMAN \ PROGRESS ALLIANCE**

*"This shale industry really represents our chance to try to recover from the very, very difficult loss of so many steel making jobs."*

LOOMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT RESIDENTS OF THE VALLEY CAN'T GET TOO IMPATIENT BECAUSE THESE JOBS MIGHT BE CREATED SLOWLY, AS MORE PERMITS ARE ISSUED FOR DRILLERS INTERESTED IN THIS AREA.

### **Carroll County Jobs – 9/6/12 – 5 pm**

AS THE OIL AND GAS-INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO BOOM ACROSS THE VALLEY, CARROLL-COUNTY IS NOW SEEING THE EFFECTS AS NEW BUSINESSES ARE RUSHING INTO TOWN. NEWS9'S ADAM DEL ROSSO PAID THE COUNTY A VISIT TO SEE HOW BUSY THINGS ARE. HE JOINS US LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM WITH MORE.

EVERYONE IN THE AREA TELLS ME THE VILLAGE IS BUSTLING COMPARED TO HOW QUIET IT USED TO BE AND IT WAS EASY TO SEE THAT TODAY. TRUCKS ON THE ROADS, PEOPLE ON THE SIDEWALKS AND MANY BUSINESSES UP AND RUNNING.

WHAT USED TO BE A QUIET LITTLE TOWN IS QUIET NO LONGER. CARROLLTON IS NOW MAKING ITSELF KNOWN AS PEOPLE AND BUSINESS RUSH INTO TOWN.

*AMY RUTLEDGE \ DIRECTOR, CARROLL CO. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*

*"IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF WE WENT FROM 175 MEMBERS AND WE HAD BEEN AT THAT NUMBER FOR SEVERAL YEARS, TO 233 MEMBERS."*

AMY RUTLEDGE, DIRECTOR OF THE CARROLL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SAYS SHE HAS BEEN BUSY MORE SO NOW THAN EVER THIS PAST YEAR WITH THE SPIKE IN BUSINESS.

*AMY RUTLEDGE \ DIRECTOR, CARROLL CO. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*

*"IT'S THE SHALE DEVELOPMENT, THE UTICA SHALE DEVELOPMENT HAS STARTED HERE IN CARROLL COUNTY."*

BUSINESSES BOTH BIG AND SMALL, NEW AND OLD ARE MOVING IN LIKE DEIBEL SURVEYING OUT OF CANTON.

*ARAN DEIBEL \ DEIBEL SURVEYING*

*"WE HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE OCTOBER. THINGS ARE PROGRESSING AND IT'S OBVIOUSLY REALLY BUSY DOWN HERE. IT'S HARD TO WALK ACROSS THE STREET ANYMORE."*

*AMY RUTLEDGE \ DIRECTOR, CARROLL CO. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*

*"WE HAVE MORE TRAFFIC HERE IN THE VILLAGE BECAUSE OF ALL THE STATE HIGHWAYS THAT CONVERGERS HERE BUT THE WELL DEVELOPMENT IS OUT IN THE COUNTY AND IT IS IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE COUNTY."*

WHILE MANY LOCALS ARE HAPPY ABOUT THE BUSINESS BOOM ONLY A HANDFUL SAY THE TRUCK TRAFFIC IS JUST TOO MUCH.

*JANE AMOS \ CARROLLTON*

*"THERE ARE NIGHTS I CAN'T SLEEP BECAUSE OF THE TRUCKS AND IT'S ANNOYING."*

RUTLEDGE TOLD ME THE COUNTY'S SPIKE IS EVEN GETTING INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION. JUST YESTERDAY, A GROUP FROM GERMANY WAS IN TOWN TO FILM A DOCUMENTARY ON THIS VERY TOPIC. SHE SAYS SHE IS HOPEFUL FOR WHAT IS STILL YET TO COME.

## **ALLEGED TEEN SEXUAL ASSAULT – AUGUST 2012**

### **Sexual Assault Court Date Set – 8/31/12 – 11 pm**

THE NEXT COURT DATE HAS BEEN SET IN THE RAPE AND KIDNAPPING CASE AGAINST TWO STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES. TONIGHT, WE'RE GETTING A CLEARER PICTURE OF HOW THE CASE WILL BE HANDLED WITHOUT A LOCAL JUDGE OR PROSECUTORS. IT ALL STARTED WITH A TELECONFERENCE TODAY.

*FRED ABDALLA JR. \ CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER*

*"BASICALLY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE JUDGE TO COME IN AND MAINLY TRYING TO COORDINATE THE DATE. WE SENT OUT A LIST, I SENT OUT A LIST TO ALL OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE HEARING, IN THE MEETING TODAY OF CONTACT INFORMATION AND THAT WAS ABOUT IT."*

CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER FRED ABDALLA JR. SPOKE WITH SPECIAL JUDGE THOMAS LIPPS, THE ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING THE JUVENILES AND THE TWO SPECIAL PROSECUTORS NOW HANDLING THE CASE. THEY ALSO SET A DATE FOR A HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 14TH.

*"WITH THE STATE FILING THE MOTION FOR DISCRETIONARY BINDOVER IT'S THE FIRST STEP TO HAVE A PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING TO FIND IF THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE THAT THESE CRIMES WERE COMMITTED, ALLEGED AGAINST THE JUVENILES."*

EVERYONE LISTENING IN ON THE MEETING WILL BE AT THAT HEARING. JUDGE LIPPS, OF HAMILTON COUNTY SPENT 37 YEARS AS A JUVENILE COURT EMPLOYEE, 12 OF THOSE AS A JUDGE. HE RETIRED IN 2010, BUT EARLIER THIS YEAR OHIO GOVERNOR JOHN KASICH APPOINTED LIPPS TO THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE.

THE TWO SPECIAL PROSECUTORS, JENNIFER BRUMBY AND MARIANNE HEMMETER ARE WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. BOTH ARE PART OF THE CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN'S UNIT, AND SPECIALIZE IN THESE TYPES OF CRIMES.

NOW MOVING FORWARD, IF JUDGE LIPPS FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE, THE PROSECUTORS AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WOULD MOVE ON TO A SECOND HEARING.

*"THEN YOU HAVE AN AMENABILITY HEARING AND THAT'S TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE JUVENILES ARE AMENABLE TO TREATMENT IN THE JUVENILE SYSTEM OR SHOULD THEY BE BOUND OVER AS ADULTS, AND THAT'S DISCRETIONARY AND THAT'S GOING TO DEPEND ON TESTIMONY PROVIDED BY THE STATE AND BY THE DEFENSE."*

THAT HEARING IS ROUGHLY TWO WEEKS FROM NOW. THOSE TWO TEENS REMAIN BEHIND BARS AT THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER.

### **New Judge on Case – 8/29/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

A RETIRED JUDGE FROM HAMILTON COUNTY HAS AGREED TO TAKE THE CASE OF TWO STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES ACCUSED OF RAPE AND KIDNAPPING.

TODAY NEWS9 CONFIRMED JUDGE THOMAS RAYMOND LIPPS WILL SIT IN FOR JUDGE SAMUEL KERR WHO RECUSED HIMSELF EARLIER THIS WEEK. THE STATE SUPREME COURT APPOINTED LIPPS TO THE CASE. JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR JANE HANLIN ALSO STEPPED ASIDE FROM THE CASE CITING A POTENTIAL CONFLICT.

TWO TEENS ARE IN THE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER ACCUSED OF KIDNAPPING AND RAPING AN UNDERAGE GIRL. ONE OF THE SUSPECTS IS ALSO ACCUSED OF TAKING AND SHARING PICTURES OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENT.

### **Prosecutor Steps Aside – 8/27/12 – 11 pm**

IN TONIGHT'S TOP STORY JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR JANE HANLIN IS STEPPING ASIDE FROM A RAPE INVESTIGATION INVOLVING TWO STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES. HANLIN FILED A PETITION ASKING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT TO APPOINT TWO SPECIAL PROSECUTORS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO HANDLE THIS CASE.

HERE'S A LOOK AT THAT DOCUMENT. JUDGE JOSEPH BRUZZESE JR. GRANTED THAT PETITION. THE TWO PROSECUTORS ARE PART OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN'S UNIT AND SPECIALIZE IN THESE TYPES OF CRIMES.

JANE HANLIN \ JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR

*"WHAT WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO SHOW THE CITIZENS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY IS THAT EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE IN THIS CASE IS BEING DONE AND IF THAT MEANS ELICITING THE HELP OF THESE PEOPLE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THEN THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO IN THIS CASE."*

THE TWO 16-YEAR-OLDS ARE ACCUSED IN THE RAPE AND KIDNAPPING OF A JUVENILE GIRL. HANLIN SAYS A MOTION WAS ALSO FILED THAT WILL ALLOW THE JUVENILE COURT TO DECIDE IF THE TEENS SHOULD BE BOUND OVER AND TRIED AS ADULTS. A HEARING WILL BE HELD TO MAKE A DETERMINATION. A DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET.

### **Rape Investigation – 8/24/12 – 6 & 11 pm**

TWO STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES ARE FORMALLY CHARGED WITH RAPE AND KIDNAPPING AND WE'VE LEARNED ONE OF THE 16-YEAR-OLDS IS FACING AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF FACING AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF ILLEGAL USE OF A MINOR IN NUDITY ORIENTED MATERIAL.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR JANE HANLIN SAYS HE'S ACCUSED OF PASSING AROUND A PICTURE THAT SHOWED A JUVENILE NUDE. WHILE THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL IN THE BEGINNING STAGES, SHE IS ASKING ANYONE WHO HAS RECEIVED PICTURES OR A VIDEO OF THAT NIGHT TO COME FORWARD. HANLIN SAYS THEY WANT TO COLLECT ALL OF THE EVIDENCE THAT'S OUT THERE AND IF ADDITIONAL CHARGES NEED TO BE FILED AGAINST OTHER PEOPLE INVESTIGATORS CAN HANDLE IT.

JANE HANLIN \ JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR

*"I THINK WE HAVE THE PEOPLE IN CUSTODY THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THE ACTUAL RAPE. FROM THE TERMS OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFENDERS IN THIS CASE, THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE WE BELIEVE WE HAVE IN CUSTODY AT THIS TIME."*

THE TWO TEENS ARE BEING HELD IN THE DETENTION CENTER. ANOTHER HEARING IS EXPECTED TO BE SET WITH IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

### **Formal Charges Filed – 8/24/12 – 5 pm**

FORMAL CHARGES ARE OFFICIALLY FILED AGAINST TWO STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH A RAPE INVESTIGATION. NEWS NINE'S NATALIE HERBICK WAS FIRST TO REPORT THOSE CHARGES VIA TWITTER AND WTOV9.COM AND TODAY SHE SAT DOWN WITH THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR FOR EXPLANATION ON TODAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

AS WE EXPECTED BOTH 16-YEAR-OLDS ARE CHARGED WITH RAPE AND KIDNAPPING. BUT ONE OF THE TEENS IS FACING AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF ILLEGAL USE OF A MINOR IN NUDITY ORIENTED MATERIAL. THIS AFTERNOON JANE HANLIN TALKED WITH ME ABOUT WHAT THAT CHARGE SAYS ABOUT THIS INVESTIGATION.

JANE HANLIN \ JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR

*"DISSEMINATING INFORMATION THAT SHOWS A MINOR IN A STATE OF NUDITY AND THEN PUBLISHING THAT. THAT CAN BE BY SENDING IT, TEXTING IT, FORWARDING IT TO OTHER PEOPLE."*

IN THIS CASE, HANLIN SAYS THERE IS EVIDENCE IN A PICTURE. IT'S ONE MORE PEICE OF THE INVESITGATION THEY'RE NOW ABLE TO RELEASE BUT SHE TELLS ME THERE IS



STILL A LONG WAY TO GO AND SHE'S RESPONDING TO THE QUESTION "WHY AREN'T MORE PEOPLE FACING CHARGES RIGHT NOW?"

*"WHAT I WOULD LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW IS HOW HARD THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING AND SINCE THIS CAME TO OUR ATTENTION THESE HAVE BEEN 12-18-20 HOUR DAYS, INTERVIEWING WITNESSES, COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM TELEPHONES, COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE INFORMATION."*

A LENGTHY PROCESS, THAT RIGHT NOW REQUIRES YOUR HELP. IF YOU'VE RECEIVED A PICTURE OR VIDEO SHOWING SOMETHING FROM THAT NIGHT SHE'S ASKING YOU TO TAKE IT TO OFFICERS.

*"BRING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION SO THAT WE CAN HELP GATHER EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE. RATHER THAN WORRY ABOUT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO AND DELETING IT, COME TO US AND WE'LL WORK WITH YOU ON THOSE ISSUES. WE WANT TO COLLECT ALL OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS AND THEN IF THERE ADDITIONAL CHARGES THAT NEED TO BE PRESSED AGAINST ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WE CAN HANDLE IT."*

THAT SAID, I DID ASK HER IF ANYONE ELSE COULD BE LOOKING AT A RAPE CHARGE.

*"I THINK WE HAVE THE PEOPLE IN CUSTODY THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THE ACTUAL RAPE. FROM THE TERMS OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFENDERS IN THIS CASE, THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE WE BELIEVE WE HAVE IN CUSTODY AT THIS TIME."*

THE NAMES OF THOSE TEENS HAVE BEEN RELEASED. BASED ON STATION POLICY, WE DO NOT REPORT NAMES OF JUVENILES INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS. IF THIS CASE GOES TO ADULT COURT, WE WOULD THEN IDENTIFY THEM. THE TWO TEENS ARE BEING HELD IN THE DETENTION CENTER. ANOTHER HEARING IS EXPECTED TO BE SET WITH IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. EXPECT NEWS NINE TO BE THERE AND REPORT ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

### **Juvenile Court Appearance – 8/22/11 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

TWO STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES DETAINED TONIGHT ACCUSED OF RAPE. CHARGES OF RAPE AND KIDNAPPING HAVE YET TO BE FORMALLY FILED, THAT'S EXPECTED TO HAPPEN TOMORROW. COUNTY PROSECUTORS SAY THERE'S STILL A POSSIBILITY THAT MORE CHARGES WILL SURFACE IN THIS CASE AND MORE ARRESTS MAY FOLLOW. NEWS NINE'S NATALIE HERBICK HAS MORE ON TODAY'S COURT APPEARANCE.

JEFFERSON COUNTY JUDGE SAMMUEL KERR SPOKE BEFORE BOTH TEENS IN OPEN COURT. WHILE WE COULDN'T SHOW THE JUVENILES FACES WE HAD THE ONLY CAMERA IN THE COURTROOM TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.....A VERY BRIEF HEARING. BOTH TEENS PARENTS WERE INSIDE, ONE OF THE TEENS ALSO HAD A LAWYER PRESENT, THE SECOND JUVENILE'S FATHER SAYS THEY WOULD BE RETAINING A LAWYER AS WELL.

THE OUTCOME...

FRED ABDALLA JR. \ CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER

*"THE STATE RECOMMENDED THAT THEY BE HELD AND THE JUDGE WENT AHEAD AND ORDERED THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE HELD UNTIL CHARGES ARE FILED."*

ALSO SITTING IN ON TODAY'S HEARING WAS COUNTY PROSECUTOR JANE HANLIN, WHO HAS STATED SHE PLANS TO RECUSE HERSELF FROM THE CASE.



JANE HANLIN \ JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR

*"WHEN WE GET TO THE POINT WHEN THE PROSECUTION BEGINS WE HVE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT JUSTICE IS SERVED IN THIS CASE. WHAT WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS GET THROUGH THE FIRST STEPS AND THAT'S GOING TO INVOLVE MY OFFICE FILING THE FORMAL CHARGES."*

THOSE TEENS HAVE BEEN IN LOCK UP SINCE EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

CHIEF BILL MCCAFFERTY \ STEUBENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

*"IT WENT LATE INTO THE NIGHT. WARRANTS FOR ARRESTS WERE ISSUED, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WENT TO ONE AREA TO ARREST A JUVENILE AND WE WENT TO ANOTHER."*

JUST THE BEGINNING OF AN INVESTIGATION THAT IS FAR FROM OVER.

SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA \ JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*"SOMEONE'S GOING TO TRY TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER TO TRY THESE INDIVIDUALS AS ADULTS OR NOT BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CRIME AND ITS' PRETTY SERIOUS."*

A LOT OF THINGS COULD HAPPEN AS THIS INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. HERE'S TWO OF THE SCENARIOS:

IF THESE TEENS ARE TRIED THROUGH JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM AND FOUND GUILTY THEY COULD BE BEHIND BARS UP TO THE AGE OF 21. IF THE TEENS ARE TRIED AS ADULTS AND FOUND GUILTY THEY COULD FACE 3-10 YEARS ON THE RAPE CHARGE AND 2-8 ON THE KIDNAPPING. EITHER WAY, IF THEY'RE FOUND GUILTY THEY WOULD HAVE TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDERS FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.

THIS IS A SENSITIVE STORY THAT HAS PROVOKED STRONG EMOTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. COUNTY AND STEUBENVILLE CITY OFFICIALS HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF CALLS FROM CONCERNED CITIZENS. PROSECUTOR JANE HANLIN IS HOPING TO PUT TO REST ANY RUMORS OF A COVER UP.

JANE HANLIN \ JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR

*"When people are watching stories on the Internet on Facebook, ....those are generally coming from people who have not one bit of knowledge about the case. Their assuming that people have said or done certain things. We have been working with the law enforcement agencies around the clock since the moment that this was first brought to our attention. There's never been an attempt to cover anything up. There's never been an attempt to down play the seriousness. It's been the opposite. We want to make absolutely sure that we get this right."*

HANLIN SAYS THEY ARE LOOKING INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT THIS RAPE WAS CAPTURED ON CELL PHONES AND VIDEO AND STEUBENVILLE'S POLICE CHIEF BILL MCCAFFERTY IS URGING ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION TO COME FORWARD. HE SAYS IF YOU RECEIVED IMAGES OR VIDEO IT MAY BE ILLEGAL TO POSSESS.

STEUBENVILLE CITY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT MIKE MCVEY RESPONDED TO TODAY'S ARREST, RELEASING A STATEMENT, SAYING IN PART:

*"WE LEARNED THIS MORNING THAT TWO STEUBENVILLE... HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES WERE ARRESTED... THE DISTRICT INTENDS TO FULLY COOPERATE WITH ANY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION THAT MAY ENSUE FROM THIS SITUATION... ANY STUDENT WHO IS ARRESTED IS IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED FROM ALL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SPORTS."*

**Police Report Released – 8/21/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

THE CASE OF A REPORTED SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A JUVENILE GIRL IS UNDER INVESTIGATION IN THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE. TODAY, JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR JANE HANLIN CONFIRMED THAT \*IF\* CHARGES ARE FILED SHE WILL STEP ASIDE CITING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

THIS IS THE INITIAL POLICE REPORT WE'VE BEEN WORKING TO GET SINCE LAST WEEK. FOR A CASE THAT STARTED ON AUGUST 14TH AT 1:40 AM. IN IT, IT SAYS "SUBJECTS CAME ON STATION IN REGARDS TO A SEXUAL ASSAULT INVOLVING THEIR JUVENILE DAUGHTER."

IT GOES ON TO SAY "INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FOR REPORT AND THEY WERE REFERRED TO THE JUVENILE DIVISION."

THAT IS ALL POLICE ARE RELEASING AT THIS TIME. STEUBENVILLE CITY LAW DIRECTOR GARY REPELLA HAS CONFIRMED THAT STEUBENVILLE POLICE AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE ALLEGATIONS AND NOW WE'VE LEARNED THAT JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR JANE HANLIN SAID SHE WOULD STEP ASIDE FROM THE CASE.

WE DID STOP BY HANLINS OFFICE TODAY TO SEE WHY SHE WOULD BE RECUSING HER SELF FROM THIS CASE AND WHILE SHE COULDN'T DO AN ON CAMERA INTERVIEW SHE DID SPEAK WITH US BY PHONE AND PRESENT US WITH INFORMATION.

HANLINS SAYS SINCE THIS REPORTED CASE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVES STUDENTS AND GRADUATES OF STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SHE KNOWS TOO MANY INDIVIDUALS ON A PERSON LEVEL. SAYING THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT KEEP POPPING UP ARE ONES SHE KNOWS, AS WELL AS THEIR PARENTS.

SHE SAID SHE WILL ASK THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO COME IN AND PROSECUTE THE CASE IF CHARGES ARE FILED. HANLIN ALSO CONFIRMED THAT A SEARCH WARRANT WAS OBTAINED TO TAKE CELL PHONES OF PEOPLE WHO EITHER WERE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN THE CASE OR WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT UNDER INVESTIGATION. SHE TELLS ME THAT SEARCH WARRANT WAS SEALED BY JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JUDGE JOSEPH BRUZZESE JR, SINCE THERE WERE JUVENILES NAMED IN THAT WARRANT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COMPLETE POLICE REPORT, WE'VE ATTACHED IT TO THE STORY WHICH WE'VE POSTED ON WTOV9.COM. A SPOKESPERSON WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TOLD NEWS NINE THERE WAS AN INFORMAL REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IN THIS CASE. HOWEVER, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS NOT OFFICIALLY TAKEN THE CASE AND WON'T MAKE THAT DETERMINATION UNTIL THEY GET A \*FORMAL\* REQUEST FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR.

THIS STORY IS OBVIOUSLY A SENSITIVE ONE THAT PROVOKES STRONG EMOTIONS AMONG OUR VIEWERS. NEWS9 IS COMMITTED TO COVERING ALL STORIES BASED UPON VERIFIABLE FACT AND RELIABLE ON-THE-RECORD SOURCES.

WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT REPORT BASED UPON CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION WHETHER IT BE SPOKEN, WRITTEN OR DELIVERED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA. STORIES CONCERNING ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY DESERVE SERIOUS TREATMENT AND WE WILL TREAT THEM AS SUCH.

## ALLEGED TEEN SEXUAL ASSUALT – SEPTEMBER 2012

### **Legal Analysis – 9/26/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

THE PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING FOR TWO STUEBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES CHARGED WITH RAPE IS TWO WEEKS AWAY. THIS CASE IS STILL IN THE PRELIMINARY STAGES SO IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE YOU, WITH A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT GOES ON BEHIND JUVENILE INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS NATURE, WE'VE CALLED ON A LOCAL ATTORNEY TO ACT AS OUR LEGAL ANALYST.

AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS OF PRACTICING LAW IN OHIO, WEST VIRGINIA AND PENNSYLVANIA, MIKE NOGAY HAS JUST ABOUT SEEN IT ALL WORKING AS A DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND AT TIMES A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR BUT BEFORE HE GIVES US A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THIS SENSITIVE CASE THAT HAS STIRRED A LOT OF EMOTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY I WANT TO YOU TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIS RESUME...

THE WEIRTON NATIVE GRADUATED FROM WVU AND RECEIVED AN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP TO WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY. IN MY QUESTIONING I FOUND OUT THE WEIRTON NATIVE HAS NEVER LOST MAJOR CRIMINAL CASE, EITHER RECEIVING ACQUITTALS AS A DEFENSE LAWYER OR A CONVICTION AS A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR AND HE KNOWS A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE JUVENILE SYSTEM.

*MIKE NOGAY \ NEWS9 LEGAL ANALYST*

*"I'VE DEFENDED A JUVENILE MURDER CASE BEFORE, I'VE DEFENDED NUMEROUS JUVENILE CASES THOROUGHOUT THE VALLEY, ESPECIALLY IN CASES INVOLVING MORE SERIOUS CRIMES."*

GIVEN HIS BACKGROUND AND VAST KNOWLEDGE, WE'VE CALLED ON HIM TO ACT AS OUR LEGAL ANALYST.

*NEWS9: HOW ARE YOU HOPING TO HELP US, AND HELP THE VIEWERS?*

*NOGAY: I THINK ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES TO REALLY ACCEPTING THE VERDICTS AND THE RESOLUTIONS THAT COME THROUGH OUR CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS TO UNDERSTAND IT AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF IT WILL ALLOW PEOPLE TO REALIZE THAT IT IS THE BEST SYSTEM OUT OF EVERY OTHER SYSTEM IN THE WORLD."*

FROM HERE ON OUT, EVERY TIME NEWS NINE REPORTS A DEVELOPMENT IN THIS RAPE INVESTIGATION, WE'LL BRING NOGAY ON BOARD TO SORT THROUGH THE LEGAL JARGON IN TWO MAIN WAYS.

*MIKE NOGAY \ NEWS9 LEGAL ANALYST*

*"ONE IS TO UNDERSTAND THE PROCEDURES, UNDERSTAND WHAT A RULE 30 PRELIMINARY HEARING IS IN THE JUVENILE SYSTEM, WHAT AN AMENIBILTTY HEARING IS."*

*FROM A PRACTICAL STAND POINT, THERE ARE RECORDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE AVAILABE TO THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA AND ONCE WE LOOK AT THOSE, I HOPE WE CAN EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT THEY MEAN. "*

HIS MAIN FOCUS IS GIVING AN UNBIASED STANCE ON THE CASE AND CALLING ATTENTION TO THE STATUE OF LADY JUSTICE, WHO IS NORMALLY BLINDFOLDED.

*MIKE NOGAY \ NEWS9 LEGAL ANALYST*

*"THE REASON IS BECAUSE JUSTICE REALLY DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE PUBLIC OPINION. SHE IS BLIND TO ALL OF THAT. SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT GIVING EVERYBODY, ESPECIALLY THE ACCUSED, THEIR DUE PROCESS RIGHTS. "*

MIKE NOGAY WILL BE GIVING US HIS PERSPECTIVE ON THE CASE AS IT MOVES FORWARD. HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A GENERAL IDEA OF WHAT WE CAN EXPECT TO HAPPEN AT A PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING IN OCTOBER.

IN THE MEANTIME, THOSE TEENS REMAIN BEHIND BARS. WE'VE CHECKED IN WITH INVESTIGATORS, AND NO OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE IS BEING RELEASED AT THIS TIME.

### **Attorney General Discusses Case – 9/19/12 – 5 & 11 pm**

CONTINUING COVERAGE NOW OF A STEUBENVILLE RAPE INVESTIGATION INVOLVING TWO 16-YEAR-OLDS. WE'VE KEPT YOU UP TO SPEED WITH THIS CASE BRINGING YOU EVERY NEW DEVELOPEMENT AS THEY UNFOLD AND NOW, A PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING HAD TO BE MOVED AS INVESTIGATORS WAIT ON EVIDENCE TO BE EXTRACTED FROM CELL PHONES BUT, TO MAKE SURE WE COVER EVERY ANGLE OF THIS STORY, WE WANTED TO TRACK DOWN THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL TO QUESTION HIM ABOUT HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THIS CASE AND WHERE THEY STAND WITH GETTING EVIDENCE PROCESSED AND BACK TO LOCAL POLICE.

*"THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PUBLICITY. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE A GREAT TRAGEDY. CERTAINLY A GREAT TRAGEDY TO THE COMMUNITY AND WE WANT TO GET THIS OVER WITH AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN. "*

MIKE DEWINE, TELLS ME ALL HANDS ARE ON DECK. AGENTS WITH THE CYBER CRIME UNIT ARE ANALYZING EVIDENCE, SPECIAL PROSECUTORS ARE HANDLING THE CASE) AND OTHER AGENTS ARE OUT IN THE FIELD ASSISTING STEUBENVILLE POLICE.

*MIKE DEWINE \ OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL*

*"IT MIGHT BE INTERVIEWING WITNESSES. IT MIGHT BE LOOKING AT EVIDENCE. IT MIGHT BE ALL DIFFERENT THINGS. THE NORMAL THINGS YOU WOULD DO IN THE INVESITGATION OF ANY KIND OF CASE."*

IT MAY BE NORMAL WORK BUT IT IS COMPLEX.

WE RECENTLY HEARD FROM SPECIAL PROSECUTORS, WHO ADMITTED THEY NEEDED A CONTINUANCE OF A PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING WHILE THEY WORKED TO GET DELETED INFORMATION FROM CELL PHONES.

*WTOV9: ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN?*

*ATTORNEY GENERAL DEWINE: WELL, WE'VE ALREADY OBTAINED A LOT OF INFORMATION. WE'RE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF FINISHING THAT UP BUT WE'VE OBTAINED A LOT OF INFORMATION AND TURNED THAT OVER TO THE STEUBENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT."*

HE COULDN'T EXPAND ON WHAT THE'VE OBTAINED AND SAYS THAT'S HARD FOR HIM, BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT THIS CASE IS TOUGH FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY WHO HAS ALREADY SEEN SO MUCH ON THE INTERNET THAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE TRUE.

*"A LOT OF THE INFORMATION HAS BECOME PUBLIC BECAUSE SOME OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED MADE IT PUBLIC WITH SOCIAL MEDIA. THIS IS NOT LIKE IT WAS 20 YEARS AGO, 30 YEARS AGO."*

I ASKED HIM, ABOUT POSTS WE'VE SEEN ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK. HE SAYS THEY'LL LOOK THROUGH ANYTHING THEY CAN FIND TO GET TO THE TRUTH.

*"WHAT WE'RE AFTER IS THE FACTS. WE DIDN'T GO INTO THIS WITH ANY PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS. WE DIDN'T GO INTO IT WITH ANY IDEAS OF WHAT WE WOULD FIND AND THAT'S HOW WE APPROACH EVERY INVESTIGATION."*

### **BCI Rape Case – 9/19/12 – 6 & 11 pm**

WE'RE WORKING TO GIVE YOU A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF A CASE AGAINST TWO STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES CHARGED WITH RAPING A JUVENILE AND WE'VE TRAVELED HOURS AWAY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. NATALIE HERBICK AND OUR CREW DROVE ACROSS THE STATE TO LONDON, OHIO WHERE SHE MET WITH SPECIAL AGENTS AT THE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION TO GIVE YOU AN INSIDE LOOK AT HOW THEY WOULD HANDLE A CASE THIS COMPLEX, AND THIS SENSITIVE.

WHILE THERE ISN'T MUCH BEING RELEASED IN THIS CASE WE ARE LOOKING INTO WAYS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHATS GOING ON.

ITS A PLACE NOT MANY GET TO SEE.....WHEN BCI GET'S EVIDENCE FROM ANY CASE ACROSS THE STATE THIS IS ONE OF TWO LOCATIONS WHERE IT'S PROCESSED.

VICKI ANGELOPOULOS \ SPECIAL AGENT SUPERVISOR

*"WITH THIS TYPE OF A UNIT, WE'RE CONSTANTLY HAVING TO STAY ON TOP OF THINGS, STAYING AHEAD OF THE GAME AND ALWAYS TRYING TO STAY CUTTING EDGE, CERTAINLY BECAUSE OF HOW TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING."*

SPECIAL AGENT VICKI ANGELOPOULOS CAN'T SPEAK TO DETAILS OF CASE WE'RE FOLLOWING BUT TALKED WITH ME ABOUT THE OBSTACLES THEIR UNIT IS UP AGAINST WHEN SOLVING CRIMES.

*"WHAT WE HAVE ON THE TABLE IS JUST A SMALL EXAMPLE OF ITEMS THAT YOU COULD FIND EVIDENCE ON THAT ARE CAPABLE OF STORING ANY TYPE INFORMATION."*

REMOVABLE HARD DRIVES, LAPTOP, DESKTOP, CAMERA, THUMB DRIVE AND CELL PHONES...ALL PROCESSED WITHIN THESE WALLS. RIGHT AWAY, IT'S TRANSFERRED.

*"WE NEVER WORK OFF THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE AND WE USE THIS HARDWARE TO WRITE BLOCK IT, SO IT DOESN'T WRITE ANYTHING TO THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE."*

SHE TELLS ME ONE OF THE MAIN PIECES OF TECHNOLOGY THEY SEE IN CASES THESE DAYS HAPPENS TO BE THE SAME THING AT THE CENTER OF OUR LOCAL INVESTIGATION, CELL PHONES. SO WHAT DO THEY LOOK FOR?

*"TEXT MESSAGES POSSIBLY, CONTACT INFORMATION, VIDEOS, PICTURES OF ANY SORT. THOSE ARE SOME OF THOSE THINGS WE COULD GET FROM A CELL PHONE."*

THE BIG PROBLEM..... SMART PHONES CAN STORE UP TO 64 GIGABYTES. LET ME GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT THEY'RE DEALING WITH. JUST 40 GIGABYTES WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO STACKING PAPERS TO THE TOP OF A 108 STORY SKYSCRAPER.

*"THAT'S A HUGE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION TO BE STORING AND A HUGE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION FOR US TO GO THROUGH."*

THE OTHER PROBLEM AGENTS FACED WITH DELETED EVIDENCE: SAY YOU TAKE A PICTURE AND 2 MINUTES OR 2 YEARS FROM NOW YOU DELETE IT. IT MAY GO INTO

YOUR TRASH BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S GONE. AGENTS CAN FIND IT BUT IT TAKES THAT MUCH MORE TIME TO RETRIEVE.

*"IT'S CERTAINLY POSSIBLE AND A LOT OF OUR CASES CAN BE CONTINGENT UPON THAT AS FAR AS PROVING A CASE ON DELETED INFORMATION."*

ANGELOPOULOUS SAYS THEY'RE USED TO THE CHALLENGE BUT SHE WANTS PEOPLE TO KNOW THIS ISN'T TV AND THIS WORK ISN'T COMPLETED OVERNIGHT.

*"THERE'S A LOT OF HARDWARE, SOFTWARE THAT NEEDS TO BE USED. A LOT OF OLD FASHIONED POLICE WORK AS WELL BEING ABLE TO LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DETAIL FROM THE CASE."*

REMEMBER, THE TWO JUVENILES IN THE STEUBENVILLE RAPE CASE FACE A PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING IN THREE WEEKS. THAT'S WHEN WE EXPECT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EVIDENCE THAT'S BEEN GATHERED.

### **Father Protests – 9/18/12 – 11 pm**

THE FATHER OF ONE OF THE TWO TEENS DETAINED IN THE CASE APPEARS TO HAVE TEMPORARILY CEASED HIS "CAMP-IN" PROTEST ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER. WE NOTICED TONIGHT THE TENT HAD BEEN MOVED FROM ITS SPOT VISIBLE ALONG STATE ROUTE SEVEN INTO SOME BUSHES.

HE'S BEEN THERE SINCE SUNDAY BUT EARLIER TODAY STEUBENVILLE CITY OFFICIALS SAID THE CLOCK WAS TICKING ON THE DEMONSTRATION. THE CITY OWNS THE PROPERTY BUT THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS JURISDICTION OVER IT SINCE IT'S A "LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY" TO ROUTE SEVEN. REGARDLESS, CITY MANAGER CATHY DAVISON SAYS FOR PROTESTERS TO STAY ON THE PROPERTY, SHE NEEDS A WRITTEN REQUEST, WHICH SHE HAS \*NOT\* GOTTEN.

*"IT COMES OUT TO BE A LIABILITY ISSUE. I MEAN EVEN THOUGH IT'S UP ON THE HILL THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF A VEHICLE ACCIDENT....SOMETHING HAPPENING AND WE CAN'T HAVE SOMEONE UP THERE."*

THE TEEN SUSPECTS' NEXT COURT APPEARANCE IS NOT UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

### **5 pm –**

STEUBENVILLE CITY OFFICIALS SAY TIME IS LIMITED FOR THE PROTESTER CAMPING OUT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE COUNTY JAIL. NEWS9S ERICA MOKAY SPOKE TO THE STEUBENVILLE CITY MANAGER ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON. SHE JOINS US LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH MORE.

CITY MANAGER CATHY DAVISON SAYS THE PROTESTER IS NOT ALLOWED TO SET UP CAMP UNLESS HE HAS PERMISSION FROM THE CITY AND RIGHT NOW HE DOES NOT.

NEITHER RAIN NOR SHINE STOPPED THE CAMP SITE TO PROTEST THE HOLDING OF TWO STEUBENVILLE STUDENT ATHLETES WHO ARE CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLEGED KIDNAPPING AND RAPE OF ANOTHER MINOR. THE SITE IS STILL ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL ALONG STATE ROUTE 7.

CITY OFFICIALS ARE NOW WEIGHING THEIR OPTIONS. THEY SAY THIS IS A TWO FOLD ISSUE. THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE OWNS AND MAINTAINS THE PROPERTY BUT THE LAND IS AN ODOT LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT AWAY TO STATE ROUTE 7. OFFICIALS TELL ME THAT IN ESSENCE ODOT HAS CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY BUT IN ORDER FOR THE

PROTESTERS TO STAY ON THE LAND A WRITTEN REQUEST HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY MANAGERS OFFICE.

*"I NEED IT IN WRITING. I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING IN WRITING FOR HIM TO HAVE A PROTEST OR A CAMP OUT AT THAT LOCATION."*

CITY MANAGER CATHY DAVISON SAYS IN ORDER FOR THIS MAN TO REMAIN WHERE HE IS HE NEEDS TO SUBMIT THAT WRITTEN REQUEST TO DAVISON'S OFFICE, A REQUIREMENT DAVISON SAYS THIS MAN HAS BEEN MADE WELL AWARE OF BY POLICE

*"BUT I ALSO THINK THAT THERE'S PROTOCOL PUT IN PLACE AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND IF ONE PERSON TAKES ADVANTAGE OF IT THEN HE'S SETTING A PRECEDENT AND WE WILL DON'T ABIDE BY THAT."*

THE CAMP SITE HAS BEEN SET UP SINCE SUNDAY AND THE MAN PROTESTING CLAIMS HE WON'T BE LEAVING UNTIL THE TEENS ARE RELEASED. THE CITY ON THE OTHER HAND SAYS THIS MAN'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED BEFORE HE IS FORCED TO PACK UP AND GO HOME.

*"IT COMES OUT TO BE A LIABILITY ISSUE....I MEAN EVEN THOUGH IT'S UP ON THE HILL THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF A VEHICLE ACCIDENT....SOMETHING HAPPENING AND WE CAN'T HAVE SOMEONE UP THERE."*

DAVISON SAYS POLICE HAVE BEEN PATROLLING PAST THE SITE. HE ALSO SAYS EVEN IF SHE WERE TO GET A WRITTEN REQUEST THE PROTESTER WOULD NOT GET PERMISSION TO STAY.

### **Supporters Protest – 9/17/12 – 5 & 6 pm**

SOME RESIDENTS HAVE SET UP A CAMPSITE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL PROTESTING THE LOCK-UP OF TWO TEENS ACCUSED OF RAPING A JUVENILE.

ONE OF THE PROTESTERS IS THE FATHER OF ONE OF THE TEENS. HE SAYS HE WILL BE THERE DAY IN AND DAY OUT UNTIL BOTH TEENS ARE RELEASED. IT IS STILL UNCLEAR IF THE PROTESTERS ARE PERMITTED TO SET UP CAMP AT THAT SPOT. AFTER SPEAKING TO A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE'VE LEARNED IT'S THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE ACTION IF IT IS NEEDED.

### **Supporters Protest – 9/16/12 – 11 pm**

SOME PEOPLE ARE SETTING UP A PROTEST AREA IN STEUBENVILLE REGARDING THOSE TWO STUDENT ATHLETES ACCUSED OF RAPE AND KIDNAPPING.

TONIGHT, PEOPLE ARE SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THAT STEUBENVILLE RAPE INVESTIGATION INVOLVING TWO TEENAGE ALTHELES. SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE SET UP A CAMPSITE WITH SIGNS TO MAKE SURE THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD. NEWS9'S ADAM DEL ROSSO SPOKE WITH THOSE INVOLVED. HE JOINS US LIVE NOW WITH MORE.

THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ONE OF THE TEENS ARRESTED IN THE STEUBENVILLE RAPE INVESTIGATION ARE SETTING UP RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT SAYING THE TWO ACCUSED ARE INNOCENT.

DRIVING BY ON ROUTE SEVEN THE SITE IS HARD TO SEE AT FIRST BUT WHEN YOU LOOK DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE JAIL, UP ON THE HILL, YOU CAN SEE THE TENT



AND SIGNS OF SUPPORT. THE FATHER OF ONE OF THE ACCUSED TEENS SAYS HE WILL BE THERE DAY AND NIGHT UNTIL THE TEENS ARE RELEASED. HE SAYS THE BOYS ARE BEING TREATED AS IF THEY ARE GUILTY BEFORE PROVEN INNOCENT AND THAT INVESTIGATORS DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH HARD EVIDENCE TO HOLD THEM OR PROVE THEIR GUILT.

FRIENDS HAVE WRITTEN LETTERS IN SUPPORT AS WELL. THE TEENS HAVE BEEN BEHIND BARS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS NOW AND WILL BE UNTIL THEIR NEXT COURT APPEARANCE WHICH IS THEIR PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 12.

WE DID TRY AND SPEAK WITH THE SUPPORTERS ON CAMERA BUT THEY DECLINED TO MAKE A COMMENT AT THE ADVICE OF THEIR LAWYERS. THEY TELL ME MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW UP EACH DAY. POLICE SAY THE PROTESTERS ARE ALLOWED TO BE WHERE THEY ARE. OF COURSE STAY WITH NEWS9, WTOV9.COM AND NEWS9 MOBILE AS THIS CASE CONTINUES.

### **Probable Cause Hearing Continued – 9/14/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

TWO STUEBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES HAVE BEEN BEHIND BARS FOR 3 WEEKS AND THEY'LL STAY THERE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER 4 MORE.

*"I THINK AT THIS TIME, DUE TO THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THESE CHARGES EACH YOUNG MAN WILL BE HELD AT LEAST UNTIL THE NEXT HEARING ON OCTOBER 12TH."*

THE JUDGE INTRODUCED HIMSELF. PROSECUTORS WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE - JENNIFER BRUMBY AND MARIANNE HEMMETER, AS WELL AS DEFENSE ATTORNEY'S BRIAN DUNCAN, ADAM NEMANN AND WALTER MADISON.

JUDGE THOMAS LIPPS ALSO SPOKE TO THE FAMILIES OF THE 16-YEAR-OLDS AND EARLY ON IN THE HEARING, HE TOLD THE COURTROOM THERE WOULD BE NO PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING AND WE FOUND OUT WHY.

JENNIFER BRUMBY \ SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

*"AS WE SIT BEFORE YOU IN COURT TODAY, THE FACTS OF THE CASE HAVE NOT CHANGED. THE ALLEGATIONS THE STATE BELIEVES ARE TRUE AND IT IS SIMPLY THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE HAS BEEN DELETED AND IT'S THAT DELETION THAT HAS REQUIRED TH STATE TO ASK FOR THE CONTINUANCE TODAY BECAUSE IT IS MORE DIFFICULT FOR BCI AND INVESTIGATORS TO RETRIEVE THAT DELETED MATERIAL."*

THAT PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING WAS EXPECTED TO BE TODAY BUT ASKED TO BE CONTINUED BY SPECIAL PROESCUTORS. THEY SAY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE HAS BEEN DELETED AND THAT HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR BCI INVESTIGATORS TO RETRIEVE.

JENNIFER BRUMBY \ SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

*"THE STATE IS WORKING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, ALL DISCOVERY IN OUR POSSESSION PRIOR TO TODAY HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS. THEY ARE IN POSSESSION OF WITNESS STATEMENTS FROM WITNESSES THAT OBSERVED CRIMINAL CONDUCT."*

THAT AND POLICE REPORTS BUT DEFENSE ATTORNEY'S SAY THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

SITITNG INSIDE OF THE COURTROOM, IT SEEMED LIKE THE REALITY OF THESE CHARGES AND THIS INVESTIGATION HIT THESE TEENS, ONE EVEN MAKING A TEARFUL

EXIT FROM OF THE COURTROOM BUT DESPITE THE DEFENSE'S ATTEMPT TO SPEAK OF THEIR CHARACTER AND CITE THEIR LACK OF A CRIMINAL PAST THE JUDGE WOULD NOT RELEASE THEM.

WALTER MADISON \ DEFENSE ATTORNEY

*"AT THIS POINT, AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS DESIGNED FOR PROBABLE CAUSE AND IT'S JUST CURIOUS TO ME THAT THE STATE, WHO BROUGHT UP THE CHARGES ASKED FOR THE CONTINUANCE AND THEY'RE NOT PREPARED TO GO FORWARD."*

ADAM NEMANN \ DEFENSE ATTORNEY

*"FROM WHAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN, THEY DO NOT HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY CLAIM TO HAVE HAD AT THIS POINT THAT WE'VE SEEN. I REALIZE THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION TO BE REVIEWED AND INVESTIGATION NEEDS TO BE DONE ON MULTIPLE CELL PHONES AND OTHER SMART PHONE DEVICES STILL."*

*"WE'RE HOLDING TWO YOUNG JUVENILES WHO'VE NEVER BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BASED ON CONJECTURE, BASED ON RUMOR, BASED ON YOUTUBE MUSINGS FROM SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THE TWO JUVENILE DEFENDANTS."*

WHILE EACH TEEN'S DEFENSE ARGUED THAT NEITHER HAVE A CRIMINAL PAST AND MADE REFERENCE TO THEIR CHARACTER, THEY ALSO FELT THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM LOCKED UP. THE STATE ARGUED ON THE VICTIMS BEHALF.

*"A PURPOSE OF A DETENTION FOR JUVENILES IS TO PROTECT THE VICTIM FROM IMMEDIATE THREAT OF PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM AND NOTHING HAS BEEN PUT BEFORE THE COURT TODAY THAT CHANGES THAT THREAT OF HARM TO THE VICTIM."*

THE COURTROOM WAS FILLED WITH FAMILY MEMBERS OF BOTH OF THE ACCUSED TEENS. STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS HEAD WRESTLING COACH MIKE BLACKBURN AND HEAD FOOTBALL COACH RENO SACCOCCIA WERE ALSO AT THE JUSTICE CENTER BUT NOT INSIDE OF THE HEARING.

### **Coach Saccoccia Reacts – 9/14/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

NOT MANY PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF INVESTIGATORS HAVE ADDRESSED THIS CASE PUBLICALLY BUT TODAY, COACH SACCOCCIA, SPOKE ONLY TO NEWS9, ABOUT HOW THIS INVESTIGATION HAS IMPACTED HIM AND HIS TEAM CONSIDERING THESE ARE TWO OF HIS PLAYERS.

*"WE DON'T LEAVE IT OUT OF THE LOCKER ROOM BUT WE DON'T DWELL ON IT. JUST LIKE IF YOU HAD FOUR CHILDREN AND ONE HAD A PROBLEM, YOU WOULDN'T IGNORE THE OTHER THREE. I DON'T WANT TO IGNORE ANY OF THEM, I WANT TO GIVE THEM THE TIME THAT THEY DESERVE AND RIGHT NOW THESE 58 KIDS DESERVE 100 PERCENT FROM ME AND OUR COACHES AND OUR COMMUNITY."*

NEWS9: *"DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION TO REMOVE KIDS FROM YOUR TEAM THAT HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED AS WELL?"*

COACH SACCOCCIA: *LET ME SAY THIS... OUR BOARD AND OUR SUPER ARE PEOPLE OF INTEGRITY. THEY WOULDN'T LET A BEAT UP COACH LIKE ME DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT AND IF I FELT SOMEBODY SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OUR TEAM I'D REMOVE THEM, IF THEY FELT I SHOULD REMOVE SOMEBODY WE'D REMOVE THEM AND IF I HAD TO REMOVE KIDS THAT WERE QUESTIONED, THEN I'D HAVE TO BE REMOVED BECAUSE I WAS QUESTIONED."*

YOU CAN HEAR MORE OF MY INTERVIEW WITH COACH SACCOCCIA ON OUR WEBSITE WTOV9.COM.

WE HAVE KEPT YOU UPDATED EVERY STEP OF THE WAY IN THIS INVESTIGATION. FOR ANYTHING YOU HAVE MISSED, WE'VE ATTACHED ALL OF THE INFORMATION WE'VE GATHERED SO FAR ABOUT THIS CASE ON WTOV9.COM.

### **Probable Cause Hearing Tomorrow – 9/13/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

A PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING IS SET FOR TOMORROW MORNING IN JEFFERSON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT FOR TWO TEENS CHARGED IN A RAPE INVESTIGATION. THE HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR 9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

SPECIAL JUDGE THOMAS RAYMOND LIPPS FROM HAMILTON COUNTY WILL PRESIDE OVER THE HEARING. TWO SPECIAL PROSECUTORS WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERALS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT THE HEARING ALONG WITH ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING THE TEENS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW DETAILS RELEASED THIS WEEK INVOLVING THIS INVESTIGATION.

THE STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES ARE ACCUSED OF RAPING A JUVENILE GIRL IN EARLY AUGUST. THEY HAVE BEEN BEHIND BARS FOR A LITTLE MORE THAN 3 WEEKS NOW.

WE'LL BE AT THAT HEARING TOMORROW MORNING. STAY WITH NEWS9 BOTH ON THE AIR AND ON OUR WEBSITE, WTOV9.COM FOR CONTINUING COVERAGE. I WILL ALSO BE UPDATING VIA TWITTER DURING THE HEARING.

### **Second Rape Investigation – 9/6/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

WE ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT AN ALLEGED RAPE INVESTIGATION IN STEUBENVILLE INVOLVING A 14 YEAR GIRL BACK IN APRIL.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR JANE HANLIN SAYS IN ORDER TO ASSURE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE HANDLING OF THIS CASE, ALL INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION, IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY, WILL BE HANDLED BY STEUBENVILLE POLICE AND THE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. HANLIN SAYS SHE HAS NOT REVIEWED \*ANY\* DETAILS ABOUT THE CASE. INVESTIGATORS HAVE STILL \*NOT\* SAID IF THERE IS ANY LINK TO AN INVESTIGATION INVOLVING TWO STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES FACING RAPE AND KIDNAPPING CHARGES.

POLICE ARE NOT RELEASING ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THIS INVESTIGATION INCLUDING DETAILS OF THOSE ACCUSED IN SECOND CASE.

### **April Rape Allegation – 9/4/12 – 5, 6 & 11 pm**

TODAY, A STEUBENVILLE DETECTIVE INTERVIEWED A \*SECOND\* TEENAGED GIRL WHO'S CLAIMS SHE WAS RAPED. \*THIS\* CASE DATES BACK TO APRIL.

THE 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL AND HER MOM INITIALLY FILED A REPORT WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THEY FILED A SECOND REPORT WITH THE STEUBENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT \*MONDAY.\* A DETECTIVE INTERVIEWED BOTH THE ACCUSER AND HER MOTHER TODAY. NEWS9'S NATALIE HERBICK ASKED POLICE CHIEF BILL MCCAFFERTY ABOUT AN ONLINE BLOG THAT CRITICIZED THE DEPARTMENT'S HANDLING OF \*THIS\* CASE.

CHIEF BILL MCCAFFERTY \ STEUBENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

*"THERE ARE PEOPLE SAYING THAT THE MOM WAS TOLD TO GO HOME BECAUSE THE DETECTIVE HAD TO CLEAN HIS GUTTERS FOR THE DAY. AS FAR AS IM CONCERNED THIS IS BEING HANDLED PROPERLY. WHATEVER YOU HEAR ON UNRELAIBLE NEWS*

*SOURCES, I HAVE NO CONCERN WITH. THEY'RE UNRELIABLE. IT'S JUST PEOPLE TALKING. THEY CAN SAY WHATEVER THEY WANT BUT IT'S NOT HOW IT HAPPENED."*

MCCAFFERTY SAYS IT WAS A THIRD PARTY WHO CALLED ASKING FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN OFFICER, \*NOT\* THE ACCUSER'S MOTHER. THE OFFICER WAS LEAVING FOR THE DAY AND TOLD THE CALLER TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. HE TOLD THE CALLER HE'D BE CLEANING HIS GUTTERS AND IF SHE DIDN'T REACH HIM TO LEAVE A MESSAGE AND HE'D GET BACK TO THEM.

NEWS9 ASKED THE GIRL'S MOTHER FOR A COMMENT AND SHE SAID ONLY THAT SHE HOPES PEOPLE WILL COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION TO HELP IN THE INVESTIGATION.

AT THIS TIME, INVESTIGATORS HAVE NOT CONFIRMED A LINK TO ANOTHER CURRENT INVESTIGATION INVOLVING TWO STEUBENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES FACING RAPE AND KIDNAPPING CHARGES.

THE TWO SUSPECTS, BOTH SIXTEEN, ARE IN JUVENILE DETENTION ON RAPE AND KIDNAPPING CHARGES. ONE OF THEM FACES AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF ILLEGAL USE OF A MINOR IN "NUDITY-ORIENTED" MATERIAL. LAST WEEK, THE POLICE CHIEF ASKED ANYONE WITH ADDITIONAL VIDEO OR PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE OF THE ASSAULT TO COME FORWARD AND WE ALSO ASKED THE CHIEF FOR AN UPDATE ON THAT.

*CHIEF BILL MCCAFFERTY \ STEUBENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT*

*"I'VE GOTTEN SEVERAL. SOME AS FAR AWAY AS CLEVELAND, PEOPLE NOT EVEN INVOLVED IN THIS. THEY'RE JUST MORE INFO THAT WE GATHER TO FURTHER LEADS."*

MEANTIME, STATE INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL EXAMINING CELL PHONES SEIZED IN THE CASE BUT COULD NOT TELL US HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO PROCESS THAT EVIDENCE. HOWEVER, A SPOKESPERSON SAID THEY \*WILL\* BE ABLE TO CONFIRM ONCE THEY'VE WRAPPED UP THAT PART OF THE INVESTIGATION.

WE ALSO ASKED TO SPEAK TO THE SPECIAL PROSECUTORS ASSIGNED TO THE CASE, BUT A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SAID THEY CANNOT COMMENT ON OPEN INVESTIGATIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO A SERIOUS OFFENSE. ONCE A CASE IS CLOSED, PROSECUTORS HAVE THE OPTION OF RELEASING THEIR INVESTIGATION REPORTS.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED COURT DATE IS A "PROBABLE CAUSE" HEARING SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> BEFORE THE OUTSIDE JUDGE ASSIGNED TO THE CASE. STAY WITH NEWS9 FOR CONTINUING COVERAGE.

### **Another Teen Rape Allegation – 9/3/12 – 11 pm**

WE BEGIN WITH DEVELOPING NEWS OUT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY. SHERIFF FRED ABDALLA HAS CONFIRMED THAT ANOTHER PARENT HAS COME FORWARD CLAIMING HER JUVENILE DAUGHTER WAS RAPED.

OUR NEWS PARTNER DAVE BLOOMQUIST WITH W-W-V-A TALK RADIO 11-70 GOT A TIP AND CONFIRMED THAT WITH SHERIFF ABDALLA. SINCE THEN, WE FOLLOWED UP WITH THE SHERIFF AND TONIGHT HE HAS CONFIRMED THAT A WOMAN AND HER 14-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER STOPPED AT HIS OFFICE TODAY AND FILED THE REPORT CLAIMING THAT THE GIRL WAS RAPED BY SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS BACK IN APRIL.

THE SHERIFF HAS HANDED THIS CASE OVER TO STEUBENVILLE POLICE SINCE THE ALLEGED INCIDENT HAPPENED WITHIN CITY LIMITS. THE SHERIFF SAYS HE ALSO CONTACTED JEFFERSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR JANE HANLIN TO MAKE HER AWARE.

I DID CONTACT HANLIN TONIGHT AND SHE SAYS HER OFFICE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL REPORT FROM ANY AGENCY AT THIS TIME.

AS OF TONIGHT THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORTED LINK TO A CURRENT INVESTIGATION INVOLVING TWO JUVENILES FACING RAPE AND KIDNAPPING CHARGES.

THE MOTHER OF THIS 14-YEAR-OLD IS EXPECTED TO INTERVIEW WITH DAVE BLOOMQUIST TOMORROW MORNING AT 8 AM ON HIS TALK RADIO SHOW. WE'LL CONTINUE TO BRING YOU ANY NEW DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.







